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THE STRIKE.

OFFICIAL NEGOTIATION URGED.

DELEGATE'S VIEWS.

That the settlement of the various outstanding questions between Hongkong and Canton, should be negotiated direct between the two Governments, is the view of Mr. Kan Kam-shek, one of the delegates of the four Commercial Unions of Canton (who were recently entertained by the Hongkong community).

During the course of an interview here he said, "I know for a fact that the Canton Government desires an early settlement of the strike as earnestly as does the Hongkong Government, and that Mr. Wong Ching-wai hopes to have the strike settled before Christmas."

Mr. Kan proceeded to state that although the four nominees were highly worthy men known to all Cantonese, they represented only the gentry and merchants, and that, in addition, there should be an official representation. He thought there would be further news on that matter shortly.

The name now given to the party shortly to go up from Hongkong to Canton is that of "Hun Chun" which means "a party seeking closer relations." It is thought that this name is more to the point than that given previously.

A correspondent writes, saying that the Canton Government takes the view that this party will be a very important factor in hastening the arrival at a satisfactory solution. It has appointed Messrs. Chey Chang, of the Sun Co., Ltd., Chan Ki-woon, a former Provincial Treasurer; Yeung Sai-ngam, also a former Provincial Treasurer; and Kan Kam-shek, of Messrs. Nanyang Bros., as entertainers of the party. It has also set apart a certain sum of money to entertain the guests.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

In the House of Commons, questioned regarding the extent of the Government's efforts to end the boycott between Canton and Hongkong, Mr. Godfrey Locker Lampson said that the conditions prevailing in Canton necessitated leaving the local British officials a large measure of discretion. Their efforts had been unremitting and, although up to the present unsuccessful, he understood that a further attempt was now being made to reach a settlement.—*Reuter.*

NEW TARIFFS.

PASSAGE THROUGH PARLIAMENT.

London, Dec. 9.

The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the Safeguarding of Industries Customs Duties Bill, a clause of which provides that Empire-produced cutlery, gloves and gas mantles shall pay only two-thirds of the duty.

A motion by Mr. Snowden for rejection of the Bill was defeated by 308 to 142.—*Reuter.*

CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

GERMAN STEAMER QUARANTINED.

Madras, Dec. 9.

The German cargo steamer Trifels which arrived from Hamburg last week has been quarantined owing to a sudden outbreak of cholera aboard. Two of the

STRIKE AND MACAO.

MERCHANTS HOLD MEETING.

According to the Canton Gazette the Chamber of Commerce in Macao, seeing that the settlement of the strike with Hongkong has been promoted recently, called a meeting of all the merchants, at which it was proposed to elect representatives to participate in the negotiation for settlement of the strike by the Hongkong representatives.

Among the leading merchants who attended were Kok Tam-wan, Lee Chi-chung and Ma Po-chun of the Yue Seng Gambling Syndicate, Wong Yue-chew of Chee Cheung, and Hsu Cheung-ko, Ho Ling, Lo Him of various Gambling Companies, etc.

Wong Yue-chow was the chairman and he said that since the blockade of Macao by the Strike Committee, business had dropped greatly. The merchants had always been attempting to restart communications, but this proposal had been absolutely rejected by the strikers, organisations. "At present when the strike settlement is at hand, we specially call this meeting of all the merchants to negotiate the election of representatives to participate in the discussion for settlement of the strike, so as to attain a settlement as soon as possible."

At the close of the meeting no result was attained, because most of the persons who attended declared that they could only decide after they had ascertained the attitude of the Portuguese Government towards the proposal.

IRISH BILL.

PASSES HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, Dec. 9.

The Irish Bill passed through all its stages in the House of Lords without a Division.—*Reuter.*

ULSTER AGREES.

London, Dec. 9.

Both Ulster Houses of Parliament have passed the resolution approving the boundary agreement. Sir James Craig tributed the sympathy Mr. Baldwin had exhibited towards Ulster, and declared that Britain had been generous, statesmanlike and kind in her treatment of Ireland. He trusted the North and South would be able to meet as necessity arose in a friendly manner to discuss matters of mutual interest.—*Reuter.*

THE "BRIDE-SHIP."

MACEDONIA'S UNIQUE VOYAGE.

The P. and O. liner Macedonia, which was to have come into Hongkong at noon to-day but has been delayed owing to the stress of weather may fittingly be given the sobriquet of a "bride-ship" on her present voyage.

She is bringing into Hongkong four passengers who are prospective brides at weddings scheduled to take place in the churches of the Colony on Saturday.

Miss F. M. Harris, is to marry Mr. C. Strange, an Inspector of the Sanitary Board; Miss M. Ankers, and Miss M. Ford, are to be respectively joined in wedlock to the Rev. Mr. Hudstoth and the Rev. Frederick Cottrell. The Strange-Harris wedding takes place at St. John's Cathedral at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, while those of the two reverend gentlemen will be performed at the Wesleyan Church in Wanchai.

There is yet another bride-to-be on board the Macedonia whose name is not yet available. Her arrival on the same boat, is quite

BIG FIRE.

GIRL'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

WEST POINT BLAZE.

A disastrous fire which involved the loss of \$35,000 in goods and property, occurred at West Point at an early hour this morning, through the setting alight of a store of tea-leaves by sparks from a chatty.

Originating in the topmost storey of a block of new houses in Des Voeux Road West, the fire had in a remarkably short space of time, spread to the two adjoining houses, Nos. 207 and 211, and when the Brigade got to the scene, the task which confronted them was a well-nigh hopeless one. The only course was to combat the progress of the flames to other houses, and this was successfully done.

In an official report issued this morning in connection with the case, it was indicated that very prompt attention was given to the outbreak by officers from the No. 7 Police Station. A dispatch box with a hose was, without loss of time, got to the spot from the Station, and it is stated that this one hose would have been sufficient to deal with the outbreak in its incipient stage, had the water pressure been a normal one. The hydrant tapped, however, did not give sufficient pressure. The jet did not reach beyond the level of the first floor, and the consequence was that, in the interval before the engines from the Fire Brigade Headquarters and Kennedy Town Station could reach the scene, the flames had mounted to the height of the building, and were in a fair way to involve the other houses in the block.

The alarm was sounded as usual by a chorus of police whistles. Some minutes later the Police from the Saiyingsun Station arrived with the small equipment at their command, to be followed later by all the available engines of the Fire Brigade. Full pressure was at length secured through a hose run from a fireboat moored off the seawall, and the task was seriously entered into of beating back the flames. "Amongst the store of dried tea-leaves the flames had obtained a firm hold, and the blaze spread downwards to the lower storeys of No. 209 and sideways to the houses situated on either side. The chance of saving any of these houses being hopeless, the hoses were concentrated further away from the heart of the blaze, and adjoining houses were simply deluged with water. By a quarter past one o'clock the fire was brought under control. Two other floors were also damaged, those being the ground floors of Nos. 205 and 213.

Miraculous Escape. In the general confusion it was a case of everyone for himself, and the inmates of the upper floors could get hold of at first hand. An old man, who being a cripple could not save himself, was brought down at some risk from one of the upper floors of No. 207 by his son, and it was believed at the time that he was the last to be saved from the burning houses. At daylight, however, the firemen made a startling discovery when they investigated the ruins. On a balcony which was still left standing, was found the huddled form of a little girl. She was alive and not seriously injured except that one side of her face was burned where it had come into contact with the red-hot brickwork. The little girl had remained on the balcony during the whole period of the fire, and was saved by the jets which played directly on the structure. The little survivor, who is a servant girl, was removed to a

ASSASSIN'S DEED.

GEN. HUNG CHAO-LIN DIES OF WOUNDS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

Hung Chao-lin, the anti-Red Cantonese general, whose name was previously wired as Hong Hung-sun, has died of the wounds inflicted by a member of the "crew" of the s.s. President Pierce.

The story of the shooting as reported exclusively in our issue of Tuesday was to the effect that when nearing Shanghai, a servant from the purser's department entered General Hung's cabin and fired three shots at him.

The servant then attempted to commit suicide and later arrested.

A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE. General Hung Chao-lin is well-known in Hongkong as one of General Chan King-ming's chief lieutenants. In the various campaigns which the latter has undertaken, first against the forces of Sun Yat-sen and later against the National Government of Canton, he has been General Chan's right-hand man. His death will come as a great loss to the Anti-Red Leader.

It will be recalled some months ago, while staying in Hongkong, Gen. Hung narrowly escaped with his life when he was thrown at him in a street in Kowloon City. In the late campaign he had command of the Anti-Red forces operating in the East River districts and made a successful attempt to stem the tide of the Red invasion into the district of Chiuchow. On the fall of Swatow and the re-occupation of that city by the Cantonese forces, General Hung Chao-lin left Swatow, and was on his way to join his chief in Shanghai when he was assassinated.

CHINESE WAR.

FIGHTING NEAR PEKING.

Peking, Dec. 9.

Fighting broke out between Li Ching-lin's troops and Kuo Min-chun's forces about noon to-day.

One span of the bridge at Yangtsun has been blown up, and communication by rail is consequently interrupted. The international train which was despatched from Tientsin this morning was thus unable to reach Peking.—*Reuter.*

Peking, Dec. 10. Kuo Sung-ling is semi-officially reported as being still at Chinchow where much looting is said to have occurred in the suburbs. His troops are advancing slowly, owing to the cutting of the railways by the Mukden forces. As a result the capture of Mukden may not be effected for some time though it is still considered impossible that Chang Tso-lin can re-organise his forces.—*Reuter.*

TIDE TURNING.

BETTER TRADE IN BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 9.

In a speech at Pontypool, Sir A. Steel-Maitland said that unquestionably the industrial tide had turned. The cotton trade was very much better. The woollen trade was quite distinctly better. Engineering was improving.—*Reuter.*

The majority of the twelve floors involved in the case were occupied by the Kwong On Chung firm of tea dealers and import and export merchants. They are insured with the Kwong On Insurance Company for \$30,000. Another notable loss was in the case of grocery shop occupying the ground floor of No. 207. The proprietor of this shop has reported that his goods were

SHANGHAI RIOT.

JUDICIAL ENQUIRY REPORT DELAY.

STRONG CRITICISM.

When we asked last Tuesday what had become of the report of the Judicial Inquiry Commission, we hazarded the idea that in some obscure way the Home Government must be responsible for delaying its publication, so impossible was it to believe that anyone in China could be responsible. We now learn from Mr. Oudendijk that nothing is impossible for the Diplomatic Body, unless it be to act with the ordinary promptitude and common sense of ordinary and common men, says the *North-China Daily News*. Mr. Oudendijk, whom we certainly would not accuse of any failure to understand the realities of things in China, told *Reuter's* correspondent in the Capital that he had received the report in three instalments. As soon as he had the report complete, he circulated it to his colleagues and "it is still circling." This was on December 1 and apparently the report has not yet completed its leisurely tour of the Legations. For still nothing has been heard of it in Shanghai.

Seeing that the original notification to the Chinese Government that the inquiry was to be held was signed by all members of the Diplomatic Body, it is obvious that they must all be acquainted with the nature of its findings before these are published. That is merely a matter of courtesy, at which no one in Shanghai will cavil. But for all practical purposes, when it was agreed that an American, a British, and a Japanese Judge should form the Commission, the rest of the Diplomatic Body really delegated their interest in the affair to the three nations concerned. Furthermore, as there could be no possibility of cooking the report; as there was nothing to be done but to publish it; and as prompt publication was urgent, it is necessary, it is difficult to understand why the contents of the report could not have been disposed of by reading it aloud to all the Ministers assembled in a meeting called for that purpose. Even if it had to be read three or four times and the aid of an interpreter or interpreters invoked, the process would have been much more expeditious than that actually used. For, as it is, three and a half weeks have passed since the report was sent to Peking and the world is still waiting to know what it contains.

"Serious Delay." Can anything be said or done by anybody in Shanghai or anywhere else in the world, to impress upon the Diplomatic Body the extreme seriousness of their dilatory ways? It is not for the good of the police force of Shanghai that its Chief Officer should continue in a state of suspension and suspense; and it is nearly as unfair to him as it was the first decision that this must be his fate even before the Inquiry Commission had tried his case. There are many signs of renewed unrest among students and labourers in Shanghai; and while publication of the report may very possibly bring these to a crisis, delay to publish will certainly do nothing to assuage them. In point of fact whatever the report may say, no good can come of holding it up. Far rather would we know the worst and get it over than drag on in the present state of uncertainty and of subdued but none the less vigorous ill-feeling.

We look to publication of the report, perhaps to bring a short

AMERICA'S BUDGET.

INTERESTING MAIN PROVISIONS.

Washington, Dec. 9.

The Budget estimates for the coming year provides for the Expenditure of \$3,896,000,000, an increase of \$160,000,000. Most of the increase goes to the postal service which is operating on a new schedule of wages and to the Veterans' Bureau to meet the increasing requirements of the soldiers' bonus. The Army and Navy estimates are substantially unchanged but the aviation service will receive somewhat larger funds for additional equipment. The appropriation for Coastguards is increased by \$3,500,000 mainly to provide for the more efficient enforcement of prohibition.

President Coolidge, in his Budget Message to Congress, said that the minimum cost of running the Government had been reached and that the normal expansion of the nation would henceforth involve additional expenditure to keep the Government machinery in motion. President Coolidge anticipated a surplus of \$330,000,000 for the year 1926-27 and \$272,000,000 for the current year. The President was of opinion that the Tax Bill as drafted by the Committee of the House went further regarding the extent of reductions and exemptions than he expected. As regards the air policy he stated that the provision of \$42,500,000 for the combined services should accomplish the aim of keeping the aircraft industry alive for a national emergency.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DISARMAMENT.

A LEAGUE REVIVAL.

Geneva, Dec. 9.

The Council of the League of Nations has approved the disarmament committee's recommendation to circulate all Governments with a questionnaire on the subject of control of the private manufacture of arms and munitions and implements of war, recommending a reply before June 1st, 1926.

It is learned that at this morning's private sitting of the Council the subject was the programme of the proposed disarmament. The divergent Anglo-French views on the question of mutual assistance, provided by article sixteen of the Covenant, which had long delayed an agreement, were practically reconciled.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE SHIP ASHORE.

NO DAMAGE REPORTED.

New York, Dec. 9.

A message from Santo Domingo states that the Japanese steamer Belgium Maru, bound from Calcutta to New York, has stranded at the entrance to Samana Bay. She is not leaking.—*Reuter's American Service.*

that it may be said to all Chinese: "The best commission of inquiry that could be appointed has investigated every aspect of that unhappy day; this is their decision; this is what they think should be done; all they say we are ready to do; now, cannot the past be forgotten and can we not all live on the friendly terms of yore?" That is the point of view of thousands of foreigners, not only British, in China. To them a settlement of May '30 is vital, because their whole interests are bound up in China and in peaceful relationships with her inhabitants. Not theirs the enviable lot of diplomats, here to-day, to-morrow happily transferred by their respective Governments to some other place; where, perhaps, there will be less danger of inconvenient questions and haggard business negotiations breaking in upon their tranquillity with foreign affairs.

SPY SCARE.

BRITISH EMBASSY'S STATEMENT.

A MARE'S NEST?

Paris, Dec. 9.

The newspapers are beginning to take a less alarmist view of the espionage case.

The *Intransigent* quotes M. Eynac, the Under Secretary for Air, as saying that his Department knows nothing of Marthe Moreuil and that the information that interested her is available to anybody. The *Intransigent* adds that all the information the supposed spies apparently wanted is available to the public in the *Aeronautic Year Book*. In any case the British Air Ministry could obtain everything it wanted from the Office of the Under Secretary for Air. The *Intransigent* concludes by deprecating a tragic view of the affair, saying it "would be a pity if such minor incidents lessened the mutual Anglo-French confidence recently consecrated at Locarno."—*Reuter.*

Paris, Dec. 9. The supposed espionage case is now believed to be only a matter of commercial competition between big aviation firms.—*Reuter.*

IS IT A MARE'S NEST?

Paris, later.

In view of the fact that the search of Moreuil's belongings and of the residences of the three accused Englishmen has not revealed any vestige of incriminating evidence, Moreuil's self-accusations are no longer regarded seriously.

Her acquaintances describe her as being neurotic, with a tendency for megalomania, while the willingness with which she poured out her confession, coupled with the childish nature of the majority of her assertions, encourages scepticism.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH EMBASSY'S STATEMENT.

Paris, Dec. 9.

In connection with the espionage case, the British Embassy states that no British Government service has ever been in touch in any way with the British wireless company in Paris whose British representatives have been arrested, nor has it any knowledge of the operations of this company.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH ADMIRAL HERE.

ARRIVES THIS MORNING.

Rear Admiral Basire, the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces in Far Eastern Waters, arrived in Hongkong this morning on board his flagship the cruiser Jules Michelet, from Saigon. The usual salutes were exchanged.

The Admiral later landed and called on His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the French Consul, M. Yves du Courthial.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

ADVERSE BALANCE GROWS IN NOVEMBER.

London, December 9.

British trade returns for November show that imports totalled \$14,600,000, an increase of \$5,800,000 as compared with the previous month of October, and

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MANCHURIAN WAR.

JAPANESE PROTECTION FOR FOREIGNERS.

Tokyo, Dec. 9. Official advices from New-chwang report that Ching-chow was looted by Chang Tso-lin's troops two, or three days ago, but Kuo Sung-ling's men have now taken the town and are restoring order.

A message from Mukden says it is officially learned that the Consular Body has requested the Japanese Consul General to protect foreigners with Japanese troops, if necessary, which Mr. Yoshida has promised to do. It is understood the Government is anxious to avoid supplementing the Kwangtung garrison, as it fears the Chinese will misinterpret such action. The War Minister is satisfied that the present troops will be sufficient.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, Dec. 9. Four hundred Japanese troops are en route from Port Arthur to Mukden. All foreigners have been evacuated from Mingfu. Chang Tso-lin is reported to have proceeded to Kirin.—*Reuter.*

Peking, Dec. 9. Kuo Sung-ling's advance guard is approaching the Liao River. The Japanese gendarmerie is assisting the police of Mukden.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, Dec. 9. A War Office despatch from Mukden reports that numbers of refugees are arriving, but the city is quiet. Chang Tso-lin is still in Mukden and his troops are holding the Liao river line pending the assembly of from 70,000 to 80,000 men about a week hence, when he is expected to make his final attempt.—*Reuter.*

Tsingtao, Dec. 9. After routing the rebellious troops at Kaomi, Wei Shien is disarming Chang Hwai-ping's soldiers at Chefoo. Pi Shou-chen returned here yesterday, having made himself supreme in eastern Shangtung. Nothing further has been heard of Pei Pao-san's advance and it is thought he is nearing Kaomi.

A parade was held yesterday morning of 400 Japanese marines carrying their colours and sidearms. It occasioned much comment.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Troops in Mukden. Tokyo, Dec. 9.—It is learned from the War Office that the headquarters of the tenth division arrived at Mukden from Liaoyang this morning. The 63rd Infantry Regiment and a battery of artillery from Port Arthur and a cavalry squadron from Kung-chuling, all in the same division, are also proceeding to Mukden, for the protection of Japanese and other foreign residents if required. Though all the units are much under strength, reinforcements from Korea and Japan are not likely to be required.—*Reuter.*

Diplomatic Body's Action. Shanghai, Dec. 9.—General Kuo Sung-ling has telegraphed to the Diplomatic Body at Peking requesting it not to protect the private property of General Chang Tso-lin.

The Diplomatic Body has decided to make an attempt to persuade both sides to cease hostilities.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

BORDER FLIGHTS.

STRIKE PICKETS' PROTEST.

According to a telegram received from Canton last night, the Strike Committee there has protested to the Canton Government against the crossing of the border at Shumchun by aeroplanes, demanding that this be stopped in order to prevent misunderstandings.

CRICKET.

ARMY v. NAVY MATCH.

The match played yesterday between teams representing the Army and Navy ended in a draw, the Navy very narrowly missing a well-deserved victory because of the time rule. The full scores were:—

The Army.				
Q.M.S. Fritz, c. Lake, b. Halsey	12			
Q.M.S. Strick, b. Halsey	9			
Capt. Armstrong, b. Halsey	27			
Capt. Bridgland, b. Beatty	20			
Capt. Kent, c. Hussey, b. Beatty	19			
Capt. Morris, b. Lake	95			
Maj. Hattersley Smith, c. Cantrell, b. Beatty	70			
Capt. Watters, c. Hussey, b. Lake	0			
Maj. Pollard, and b. Cantrell	15			
Lt. Smith, b. Cantrell	0			
M. Gnr. Rough, not out	9			
Extras	47			
Total	202			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cantrell	17	3	63	2
Halsey	20	1	77	3
Beatty	22	8	65	3
Hunot	2	—	14	—
Allen	4	—	17	—
Stephenson	2	—	13	—
Lake	1	—	4	2

The Navy.				
Lt. Comm. Armitage, c. Armstrong, b. Smith	63			
Lt. Giffard, b. Smith	35			
Maj. Stephenson, b. Smith	18			
Lt. Halsey, c. Armstrong, b. Smith	86			
Pay Lt. Hussey, b. Kent	79			
Capt. Lake, b. Smith	1			
Lt. Abelson, not out	5			
Surg. Lt. Comm. Hunot, not out	10			
Extras	47			
Total (5 wks.)	301			

Lt. Col. Cantrell, Pay Lt. Allen and Lt. Beatty did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Kent	12	1	84	1
Fritz	3	—	23	—
Rough	12	—	68	—
Smith	9	1	75	5
Pollard	6	—	11	—

UNIVERSITY v. REV. E. K. QUICK'S TEAM.

The Rev. E. K. Quick, who has figured prominently in local cricketing circles, leaves for Home on Wednesday next, and a very interesting "farewell" match was played on the University Ground at Pokfulam yesterday. Mr. Quick himself captained one of the teams and Mr. A. A. Rumjahn the other, mainly drawn from the University. The scores were:—

Rev. E. K. Quick's XI.				
T. E. Yeoh, run out	6			
R. E. A. Webster, not out	65			
J. L. Youngsaye, c. Lam, b. Shahabudin	8			
W. T. Featherstone, run out	19			
W. M. Gittens, h.w., b. Lam	6			
E. K. Quick, not out	21			
Extras	39			
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	184			

T. J. Price, P. Hiptoola, Tajima, J. C. Fletcher, and R. Ponsonby. Fame did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Shahabudin	7	—	29	1
Lam	10	1	50	1
Balatchel	7	1	18	—
Rumjahn	5	1	27	—
Nk	3	2	6	—
Laing	3	1	15	—

University.				
B. P. Ng, b. Quick	1			
C. W. Lam, b. Yeoh	54			
D. Laing, not out	18			
D. K. Samy, b. Yeoh	15			
H. N. Balatchel, b. Yeoh	36			
A. A. Rumjahn, c. Yeoh, b. Quick	9			
S. O. Shahabudin, b. Yeoh	3			
E. Zimmern, c. Yeoh, b. Youngsaye	4			
S. Hachiuma, not out	20			
Extras	14			
Total (for 7 wks.)	152			

A. T. Barma, and S. A. Sepher not bat.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Yeoh	10	1	43	4
Quick	10	4	27	2
Fletcher	3	—	30	—
Price	5	—	15	—
Youngsaye	2	—	17	1

WINE WEIGHING.

MERCHANTS AGAIN APPEAR BEFORE MAGISTRATE.

There was a further hearing of the "wine weighing" case in which a Chinese Revenue officer and five wine merchants were charged with various offences against the Revenue authorities, at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday. Previously, the Revenue officer had been charged with aiding and abetting the five merchants, who were charged with making false declarations to the Revenue Department in respect of certain consignments of wine imported into the Colony. All the six defendants had been charged with conspiracy in addition.

Last week the whole of the charges, except the one relating to conspiracy, were dismissed, His Worship reserving judgment on that count. The wine merchants made another appearance before the Magistrate yesterday, when Mr. Lindell decided that the prosecution had not substantiated the charge of conspiracy, and accordingly dismissed the defendants.

At the previous hearings the prosecution alleged that when the wine was weighed, a wrong record was made and the Revenue defrauded by that means. His Worship intimated that the weak point in the prosecution's case was that they were unable to prove that the figures given by the defendants were incorrect.

Request for Dealers' Books.

Yesterday, Mr. Fraser, who appeared for the authorities, said he wished to apply for an adjournment so that the books kept by the wine dealers could be produced. He claimed that the books would show the actual wine received and also the amount of wine ordered. He thought the production of the books would satisfy His Worship that there had been a conspiracy.

His Worship pointed out that it was not a question of evidence not being submitted to show that there had been a conspiracy. There were grave suspicions in the case, and he thought it probable that there had been a conspiracy. The point was that the prosecution had not given enough legal proof of conspiracy for him to convict.

Mr. Fraser again referred to the results of the wine weighing tests, and pointed out that the error in some cases was more than one pound.

No Connecting Link.

He also mentioned that Mr. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Department, had said at a previous hearing that he thought it would be rather underhand to examine the books of the merchants after they had been charged. His Worship had brought up the point as being very material, and he (Mr. Fraser) asked for the defendants' books to be produced.

Mr. A. E. Hall, who appeared for the defence, said he strongly objected to an adjournment and also to the books being produced. He submitted that there was no conspiracy as far as the evidence given in that Court was concerned. There was no

SALE OF WORK.

AID FOR DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

A small sale of work was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday, for the benefit of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, with creditable financial results, the amount taken being approximately \$230.

The work of organisation was in the capable hands of Mrs. Chapman, assisted by a number of friends who are identified with her efforts on behalf of this worthy charity. Brisk business was done from the opening hour, 10 a.m. Owing to the large attendance it was found necessary to extend the period of the sale by two hours, a closure being made at 4 p.m.

This was a supplementary sale to one held previously at the house of Mrs. Chapman, the stocks being composed of articles which were received too late for inclusion on the first occasion. Mrs. Chapman and her helpers are to be congratulated on the success of the event and the welcome addition to the funds of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

connecting link between the first defendant and the others, and there was no evidence to show that he conspired with the others to defraud the Revenue authorities.

His Worship said he did not think it would be reasonable to produce the books. He still held that the prosecution had not made out a case, and he accordingly discharged the defendants.

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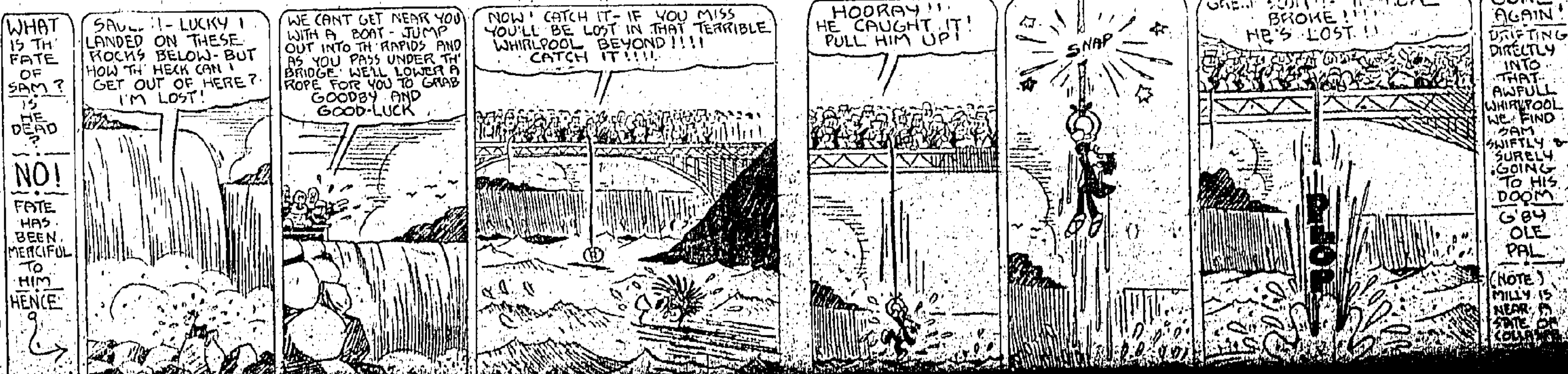
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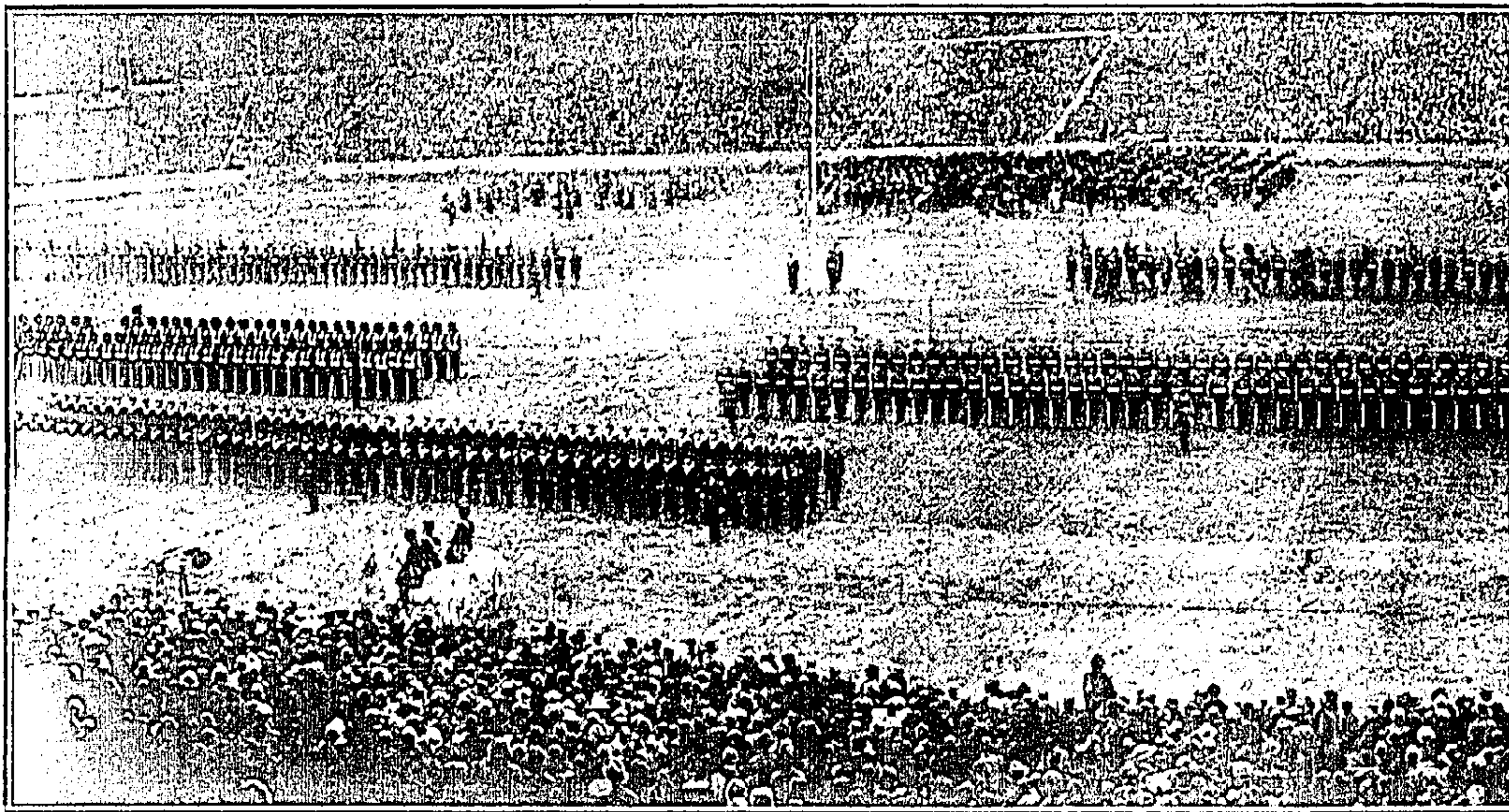
M. Lopokova as "The Dancer" and M. Zvereff as "The Moor" dancing in the ballet "Petroushka" at the London Coliseum. This photograph was taken with a Taylor-Hobson Cooke lens. ("Times" copyright photograph).

Machine-Guns in Damascus.



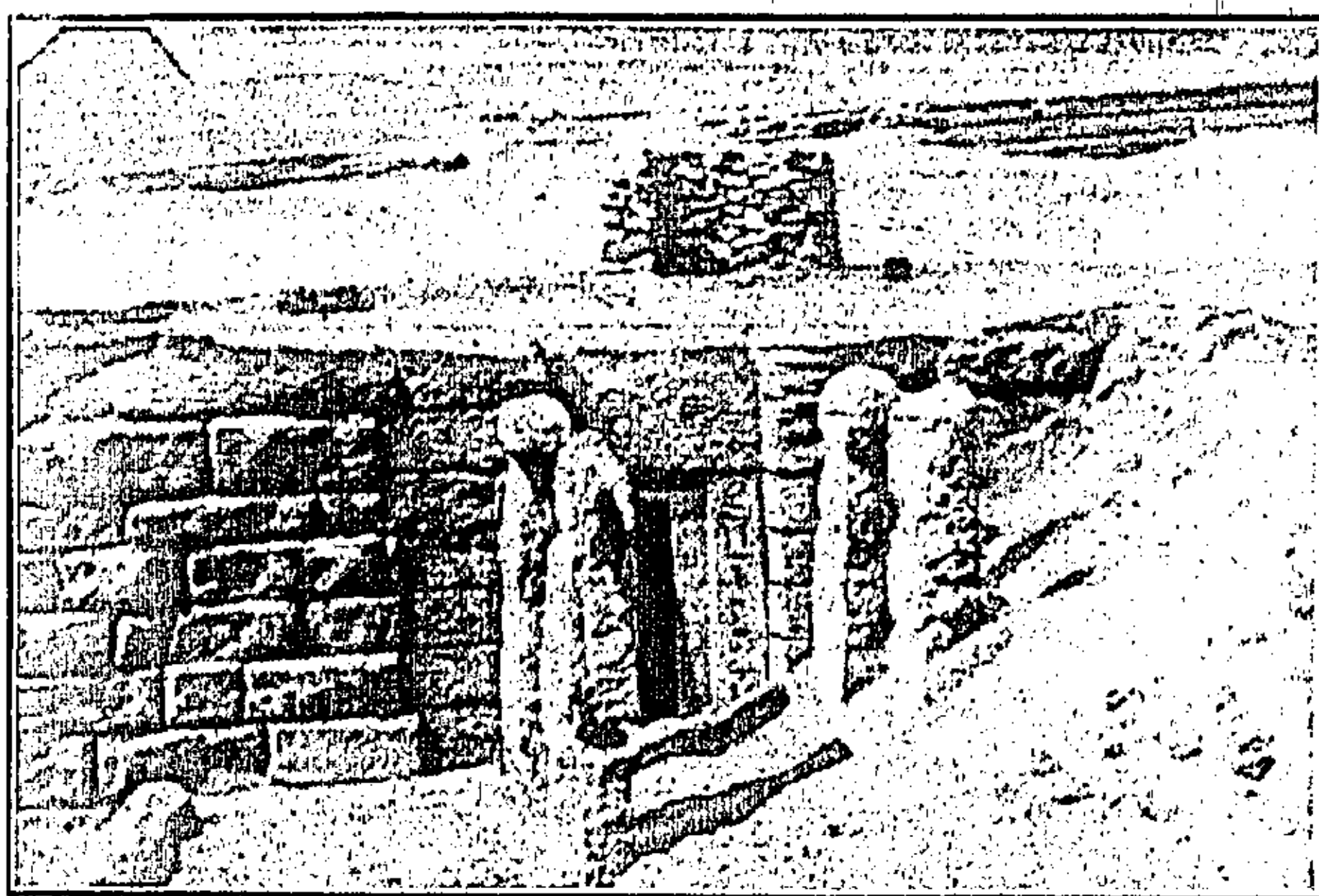
A machine-gun post behind a barricade in a Damascus street. Heavy casualties occurred during the bombardment, the total being unknown, but roughly estimated as at least 1,200. ("Times" copyright photograph).

Closing Ceremony of British Empire Exhibition.



The guards of honour being inspected by the Duke of York in the Stadium at Wembley, when the British Empire Exhibition was closed with a fitting ceremony. ("Times" copyright photograph).

Discovery of Egyptian Tomb.



The entrance to the tomb of Hahour, one of the principal architects of the Royal Palaces about 2,750 B.C., has been discovered at Giza, about a quarter of a mile from the Sphinx. ("Times" copyright photograph).

Germano-Russian Agreement.



M. Litvinov, left, assistant to the Peoples Commissary of Foreign Affairs, and Count Brockdorf-Rantzau, German Ambassador to Russia, shake hands after the signing of the trade agreement between Russia and Germany.

British Communists Gather.



British Communists gathered at Bow Street Police Court to display the red flag at the trial of twelve of their comrades charged with sedition. This shows the police stemming the rush of "Red" sympathisers into court.



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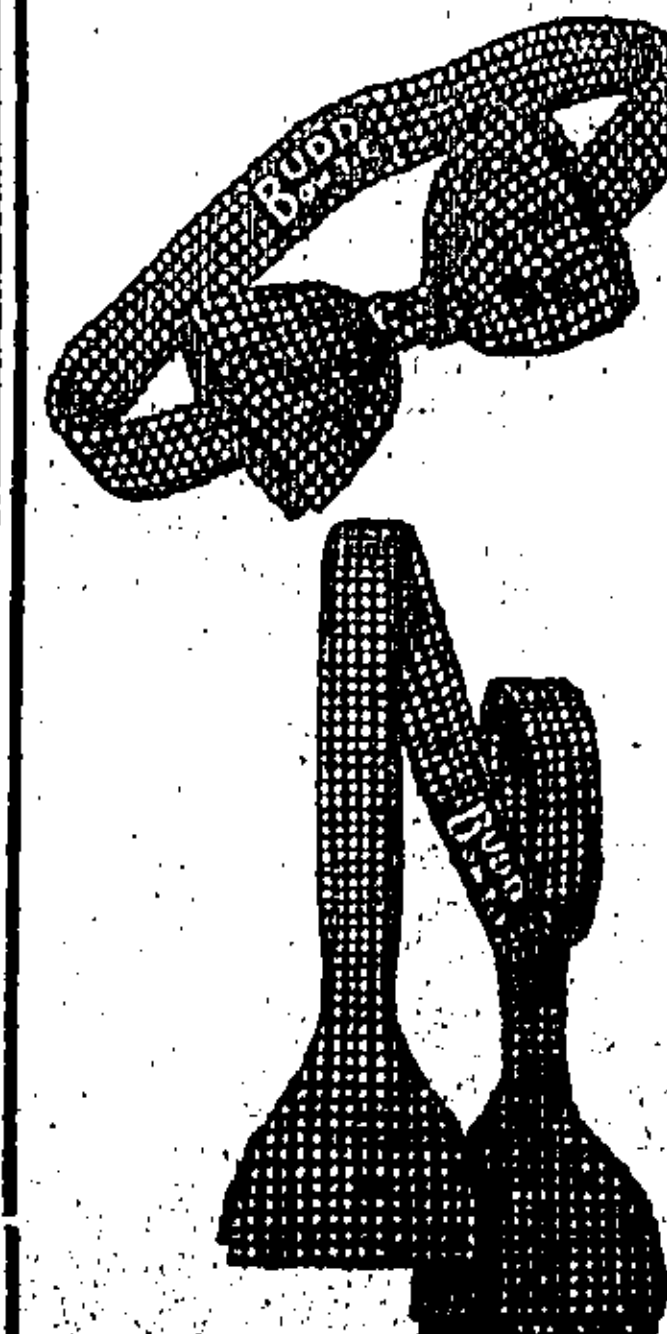
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THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH TO THE VILLAGE ELDERS.

The full text of His Excellency the Governor's speech in response to the welcome of the New Territories villages elders at Tai Po on Saturday is to hand, and is as follows: Elders of the New Territories of Hongkong, I am more than pleased to have this opportunity of meeting you all again, because in spite of an absence of over ten years I see among you so many old friends. I remember when Great Britain first took over the administration of this Territory, I was Land Officer and received your whole-hearted co-operation in the discharge of the difficult duties pertaining to that office. The memory of those days is as fresh in my mind as if it were yesterday. Gentlemen, I thank you most sincerely for thus welcoming me back to Tai Po, for the address you have just presented and for the songs which the school children have sung in my honour.

Shing Mun Reservoir.

There are three matters about which I should like to talk to you to-day. The first is the new reservoir at Shing Mun. The reason for building this reservoir is that Kowloon's water-supply is inadequate for its population and no catchment equal to that of the Shing Mun Valley can be found elsewhere. The hills and streams of this district are very beautiful and the landscape is most charming. It is, therefore, a great pity that the construction of a reservoir should necessitate the removal of many a peaceful farmer's home from these pleasant surroundings. But there is really no alternative course. The Government is, however, most unwilling that these poor people should suffer hardship and I have asked the District Officer to confer with you with a view to finding a suitable place in which Government can at its own cost build a new village for the Shing Mun people and also to look for new land for them to cultivate. I hope you will assist in this matter to the utmost of your ability.

Forest Fires.

The second thing of which I wish to speak is this: During the last few days in the course of my journeys round the New Territories, I have observed that there have been a large number of hill fires which have destroyed both the grass and the pine woods. This is most deplorable for this reason: If the hills are bare of grass and trees when the rains set in, the earth on the hillside has no defence against the erosive force of the water and very soon nothing is left but bare rock on which nothing can grow and the whole hill becomes as barren as the Gobi desert. The result is not only that the country folk will one day lack even a stick of fuel, but that the places where the smoke curling above the trees marked the presence of villages, will become an empty waste. Thus to turn the countryside into a wilderness is a wicked waste of nature's gifts to the people. Mencius had said, "Let the axe and sickle go to the forest in due season and the people will have abundance of wood." If care must be used in plying the axe and sickle to collect fuel, how much more care must be used with all-devouring fire. Compared to the largest sickle and the broadest axe, fire is a thousand times more destructive. I hope, gentlemen, you will bear these words in mind and remind the

IOLANTHE.

THE DRESS REHEARSAL.

If the few people who attended the dress rehearsal of Iolanthe at the Theatre Royal last night speak of what they saw and heard, then a full house for Friday is already assured.

It may safely be predicted that the production will surpass anything in this line attempted by the Philharmonic Society. When in 1924 the Society first produced a comic opera, it was predicted that they would go far, and already one sees that prediction coming true. In the first attempts there were deficiencies too plain to be pointed out, but by sheer hard work these are gradually being eliminated and on Friday the general public may look forward to seeing a Gilbert and Sullivan opera produced on a standard which has never been reached here before.

In so small a place as this it is no easy matter to gather together a big enough band of amateurs whose histrionic talent is balanced by musical ability and vice versa. It must be admitted that the Philharmonic has not always been happy in its choice of principals. On this occasion, however, the choice has been exceptionally lucky, and there is no principal who cannot be relied on to sustain his or her part with some degree of ability and distinction.

It would be unfair to comment in detail at this stage, but all those who go on Friday night are assured of a night of entertainment of a high order.

The music provided by the orchestra, under Mr. S. Collett, is all that Sullivan asks should be. This combined with attractive singing by chorus and principals and acting of no mean order, assure a success which has been wholeheartedly worked for by the whole company.

villagers to take the greatest care to avoid hill fires, especially at the two Festivals of Tsing Ming and Chung Yeung. The benefits of afforestation will thus be preserved, and the happy days of an abundant supply of wood will be seen again.

Strike Pickets' Activities.

The third thing is this: Recently in the districts near the frontier, certain Strike Pickets have crossed into British Territory and fired upon our Water Police boats, upon British troops and Police, to the great consternation of the villagers. This disturbance of the people's peace should be suppressed by the National Government of China, and I have already asked H.B.M. Consul General in Canton to make representations to the Canton Authorities in this sense. But so far Canton has sent no troops to suppress these disorders. I have therefore been obliged myself to send troops to Lo Wu, Ta Ku Leng and Sha Tau Kok to protect the people of the New Territory. I have also ordered aeroplanes to patrol these districts. The country folk may therefore set their hearts at rest.

Gentlemen, I have come back to very changed conditions; but my determination to improve this Colony remains unchanged. In future when any question arises affecting the New Territories, I sincerely hope you will not hesitate to consult me. I shall be only too pleased to help you in anything that is for the benefit of the Territory.

I must say "Good-bye" for the time being, but we shall meet again soon.

WEDDING.

BOOTH—FORBES.

There were a good many people at the St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon to witness the wedding of Mr. L. H. V. Booth, assistant Director of Criminal Investigation. His bride was Miss Marjorie Forbes, daughter of Mr. Andrew Forbes, who was formerly well-known in Hongkong and who is now resident in England.

Mr. Booth is, of course, a well-known figure in Hongkong. He is a son of the late Mr. L. W. Booth, C.M.C., who was formerly in the Ceylon Civil Service.

The ceremony was quiet. The bride was given away by Mr. D. Burlingham, D.S.P. Mrs. L. G. Scott attended the bride as matron of honour, while Lieut. K. G. Ridgell carried out the duties of best man.

Sowerby—Moise.

At H. B. M. Consulate at Shanghai, before Mr. Sidney Barton, Consul General, Miss Clarice Sara Moise of Shanghai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Moise of San Francisco, was married to Mr. Arthur de Carle Sowerby of Shanghai, son of Rev. Arthur Sowerby and the late Mrs. Sowerby of Maidenhead, Berks. Among the others present at the service were Dr. Anne Walter Fearn, at whose residence, 30 Route Pichon, a reception was held later.

Mr. Sowerby is an explorer and naturalist who acted as the leader of the Shensi Relief Expedition during the Chinese Revolution and who also served on Headquarters Staff of the Chinese Labour Corps during the Great War. He has written and published many books on travel, hunting and natural history in China and is the Editor of the China Journal of Science and Arts. The bride who is the Manager of the China Journal of Science and Arts is a graduate of Stanford University and did post graduate work in the University of California and also practised landscape architecture. During the recent troubles she organized the motor canteen service which was so greatly appreciated by the defence forces.

Mr. Champkin, Manager of the P. and O. Bank, proposed the health of the bride. An orchestra was present and supplied the music for dancing, one of the many enjoyable features of the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Sowerby will spend their honeymoon houseboating.

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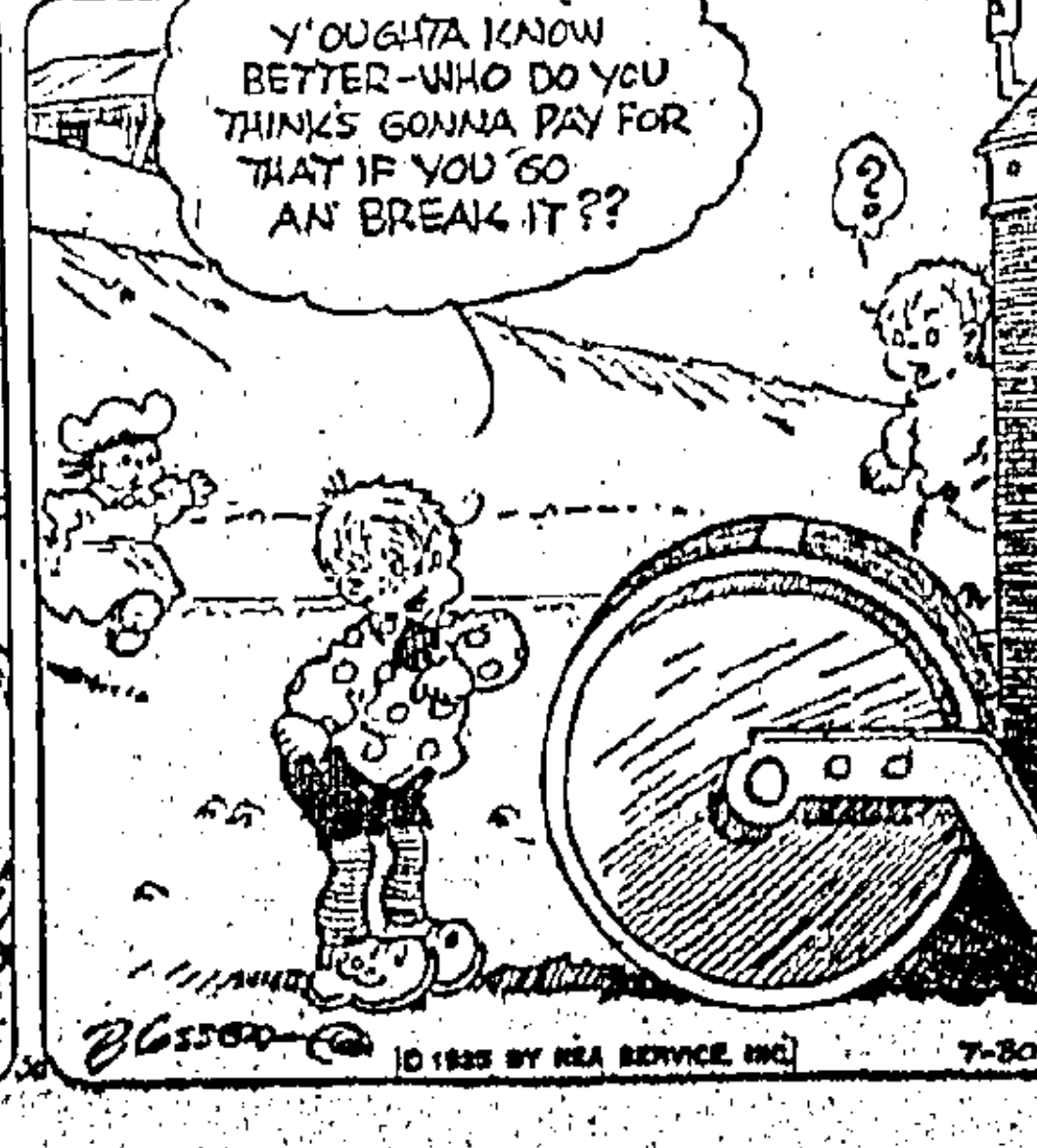
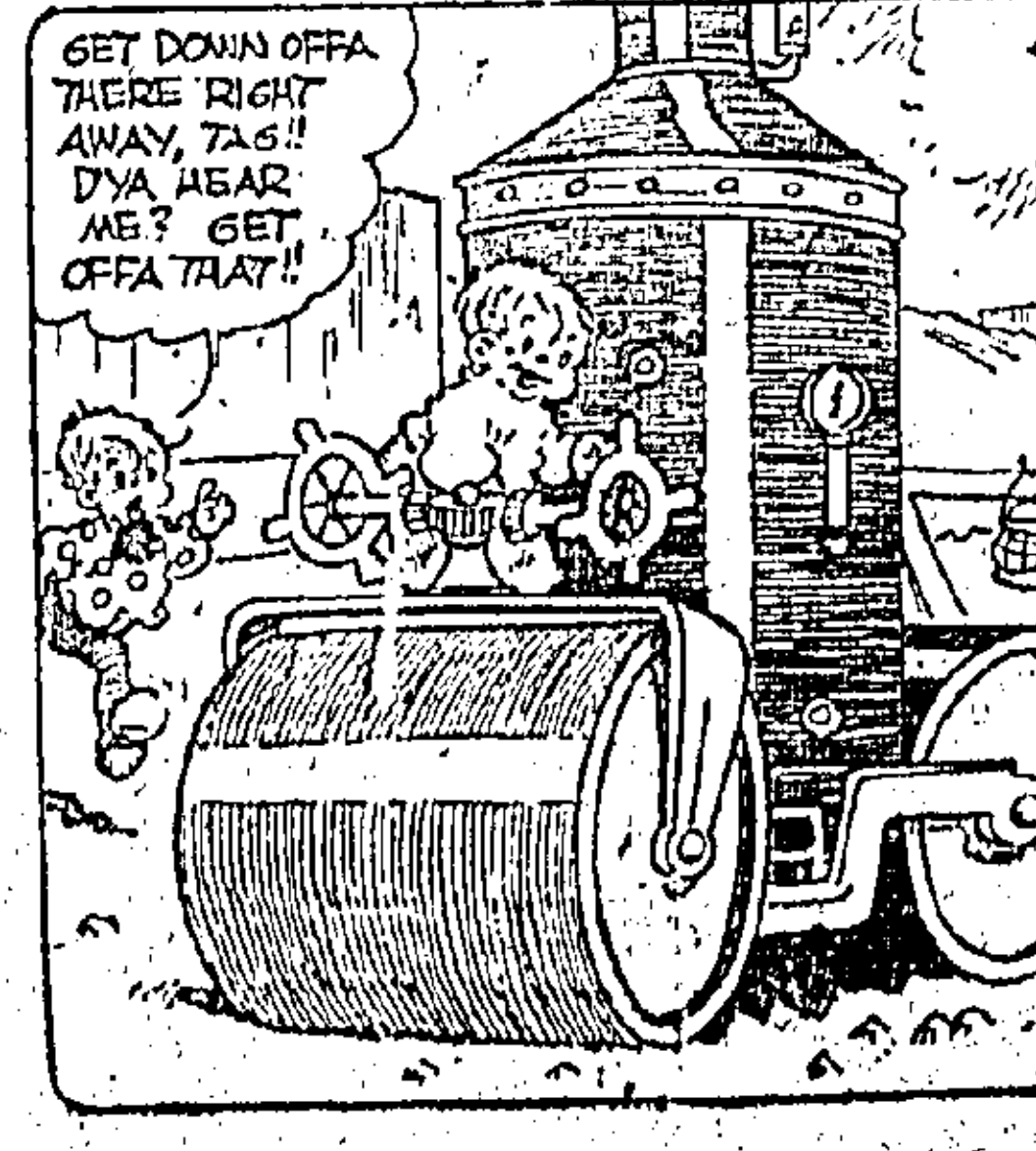
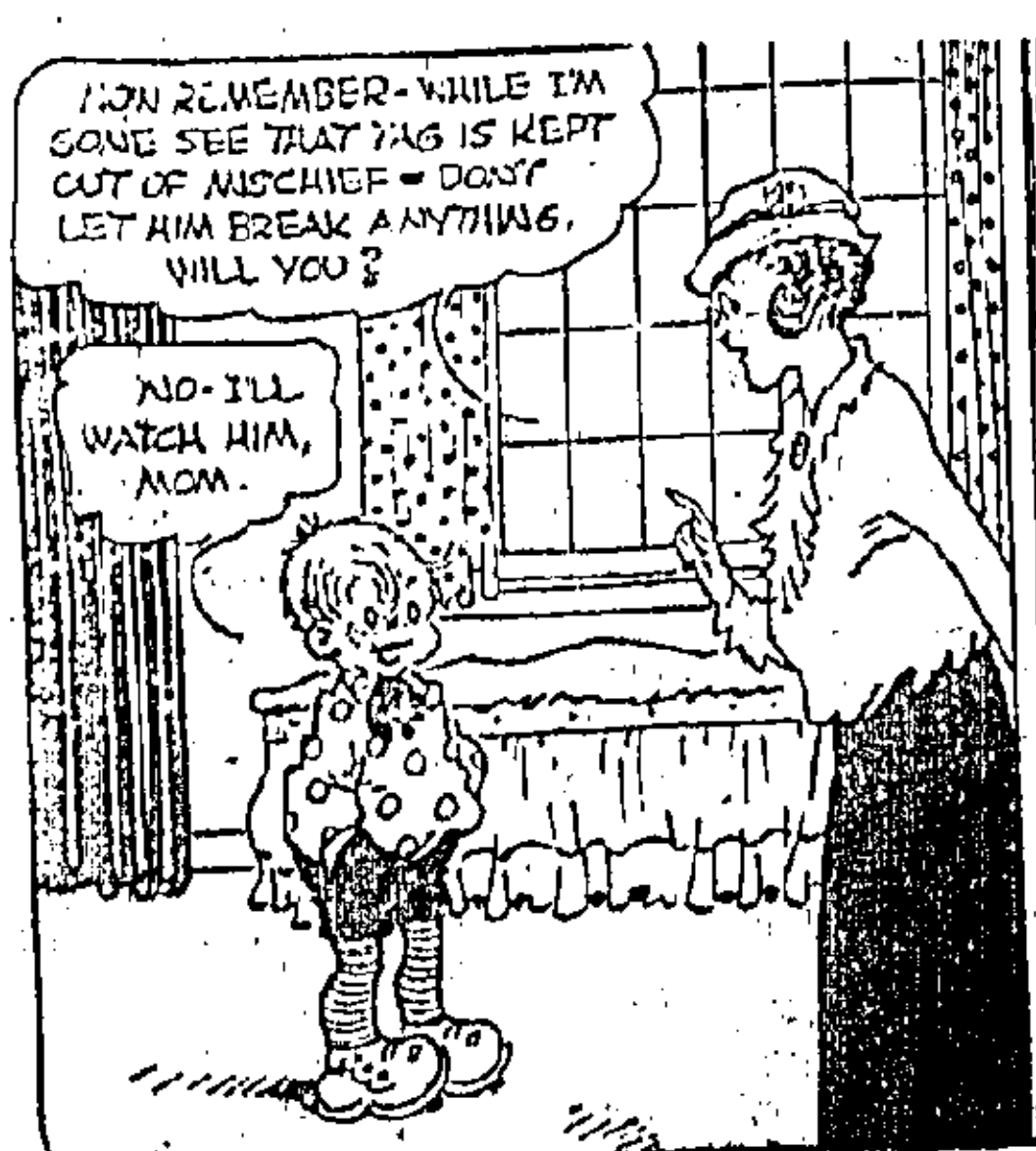
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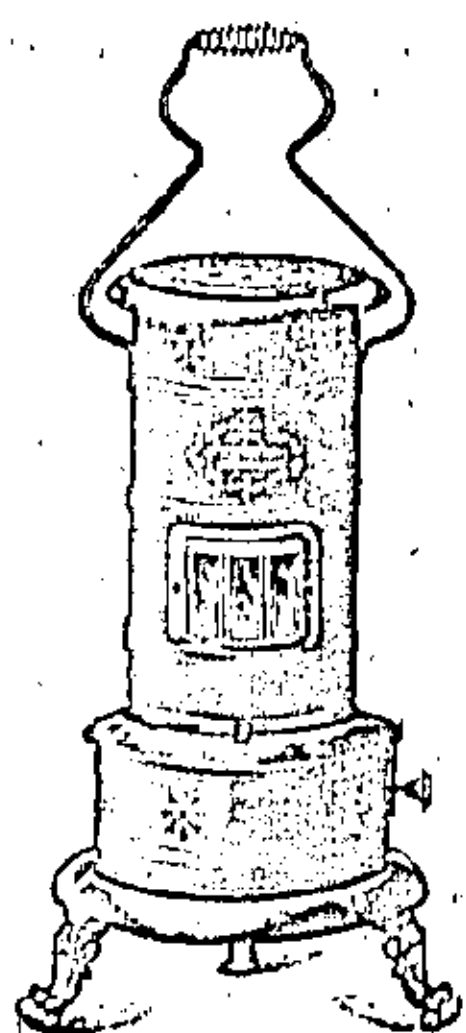
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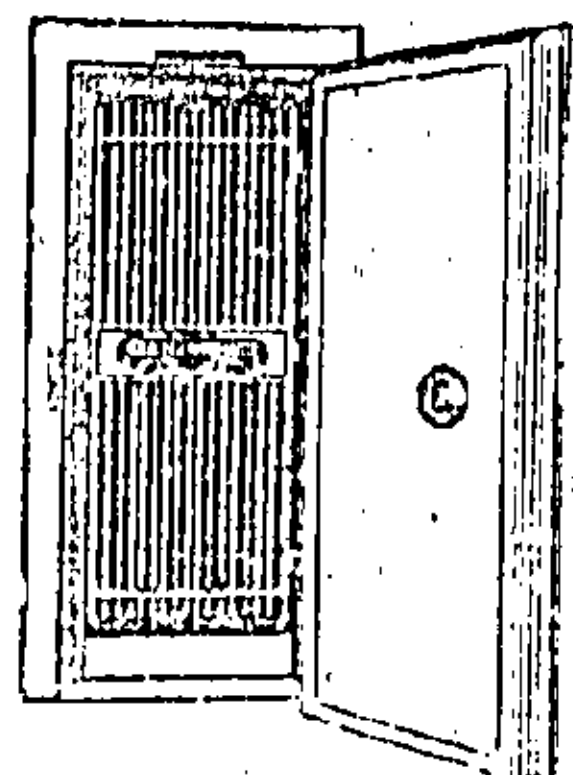
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AMERICAN POLITICS.

If the predictions lately published in American newspapers come true, President Coolidge is likely to meet with considerable opposition in the present session of Congress, which has just opened. Strange to say, opponents in opposite camps are accusing the administration of extravagance on the one hand, and of unjustifiable and harmless economy on the other. One of the Senators wants to see the disbanding of about twenty "useless boards and commissions" and the consolidating of others in existing executive departments, declaring that if this economy were effected the result would be a saving of no less than a hundred million dollars. Whether such a drastic step as abolition should be taken or not, there appears to be fairly general agreement that most of these bodies operate by methods which are needlessly extravagant.

It is contended that the situation in most States, so far as cost of administration goes, is worse than it is under the federal government. New functions have been added to government, one at a time, and in many instances, it is stated, the instrumentalities to handle them have been added without very much system. The same kind of development has been apparent in administrative matters in England during recent years, with the consequence that costs have risen tremendously. Whatever the country, it would appear that the public everywhere is being called upon to meet rising administrative costs. In the circumstances, it is only natural that there should be periodical demands by taxpayers for investigations into these questions, and so we see that in the United States a plea is being made for thorough reorganisation both of federal and state governmental departments. One writer says that if some of the State Governors would only set the example, the taking of action would be contagious and widespread results of a beneficial character would follow. This is no question of moral, political or humanitarian reforms, but the more prosaic ones of business. But there is a measure of idealism in these, too, for if the other reforms are to come in due course, the first step must be

along the unapologetic path of efficiency and economy. All Governments, of course, have their critics, and the Coolidge administration is no exception to the rule. Judging from the strength of Republican sentiment in the country, however, we shall be surprised if President Coolidge does not more than hold his own in the coming battle in Congress.

The Irish Settlement.

In giving these comments the above title we are perhaps a little too optimistic, but we prefer to believe that the agreement reached between the two factions in Ireland—the two chief factions—is likely to lead to a definite settlement of the country's age-old unrest and a final bridging of the gulf which separates North and South, and threatened only a few weeks ago to widen appreciably. The main controversy has been the boundary between Ulster and the rest of Ireland, and thus the agreement reached several years ago has been prevented from developing into a real peace. There are yet certain objections likely to be raised on both sides, and in the South the ardent republicans are unlikely to accept in full the agreement now in course of being ratified by the Imperial Parliament. But we are sure the bulk of Irish opinion will be on the side of a settlement to a vexed question, which has dragged on until everyone concerned with its solution must be heartily sick of the delay, and ready to permit small concessions if necessary. Ireland, on the whole, has been remarkably quiet the last year or so, in comparison with the virtual anarchy which prevailed within recent memory. No doubt the working of the Free State has proved acceptable to the majority of the people, and the reaction against lawlessness is setting in. There is a general mood in favour of peaceable measures of negotiation, and we believe that a definite settlement of inter-Irish differences is at last in sight.

EMPIRE TRADE.

LORD INCHEAPE'S WARNING
NOTE.

London, Dec. 9.

Lord Inchcape, presiding at the Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Co.'s meeting, touched on a number of economic questions affecting the company's interests. He said the replenishment of ships had been suspended in consequence of the high shipbuilding costs. The reduced dividend distribution was only possible by the help of investments and by drawing on the reserves.

He condemned the protectionist policy application in the Safeguarding of Industries Act. Referring to the question of Dominions tariffs he drew attention to their disposition to shut out manufactures by tariffs or subsidies. He mentioned in this connection the latest proposal by India to put an import duty on British coal; while in the case of Australia he concluded from statistics that immigrants were increasingly entering the urban industries as against settling on the land, and the former were being more and more protected against imports.

It appeared to be the aim of India and the Dominions to manufacture all their requirements and import nothing, therefore Britain could not rely on Empire trade. He declared we could not escape dependence on foreign markets.

He was convinced the restoration of the gold standard was proper. Lord Inchcape considered that the trade unionists would never succumb to the seditious doctrine headquartered at Moscow, and was of opinion that not ten per cent. of the seamen had their heart in the recent strike in Australasia and South-Africa, which was led by avowed Communists. A significant fact was that only British vessels were involved. These extremists in Australia had been defeated by Mr. Bruce, "a statesman with both courage and determination."

A Chinese pedestrian was injured yesterday through being knocked down in Coronation Road by a bus belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to the back.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S POLICE WEDDING



Group photograph taken at the wedding of Mr. L. H. V. Booth, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, and Miss Marjorie Forbes, which was celebrated at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)

DAY BY DAY.

WE ARE SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE ON, AND OUR LITTLE LIFE IS BOUNDED WITH A SLEEP.—Shakespeare.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 2s. 4.7/16d.

The R.A.O.B. are holding a charity fancy dress carnival in the Royal Naval Canteen next Saturday night.

The Bible Study Circle at the Helena May Institute, on Friday at 10.30 a.m., will be conducted by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay.—Advt.

It is reported that a proclamation has been issued by the new Magistrate of Hong Kong prohibiting all kinds of gambling in that district.

Among passengers arriving to-day by the P. & O. steamer Macedonia is Mr. C. H. P. Hay, a former resident of Hongkong, who is revisiting the East on a pleasure trip.

His Excellency the Governor has consented to distribute First Aid Certificates and Medallions, and Trophies for Efficiency and Swimming, to Members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Government House on Monday, the 14th, instant, at 9.30 a.m.

A claim for \$410.09, for goods sold and delivered was heard by Mr. Justice Wood this morning in the Summary Court. The plaintiffs were the Sang Lee Wing Firm, and the defendants the Wei Hing Firm, Shamshui.

A circular telegram from the Peking Central Executive Committee is published in the vernacular papers, and it states that Messrs. Tan Ping-shan, Li Tachiu, Yu Shu-tek, and Lum Teuhorn, who are members of the Central Executive Committee, and Mo Chak-tung, Chak Chow-pak, Han Lul-fa, Yu Fong-chow and Chang Kwok-tso, who are expected members, have been found to have embraced the Bolshevik faith and are known to be members of the Kuomintang, and that their names have therefore been eliminated from the membership of the Central Executive Committee.

"LITTLE" HSU BACK.

WELCOMED AT SHANGHAI.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 10. "Little" Hsu (Gen. Hsu Sheng) has arrived. He was greeted by a concourse of Chinese officials.

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE
MATCH.

London, Dec. 9.

At Chelsea on the Stamford Bridge ground to-day before five thousand spectators Oxford drew with Cambridge in the annual soccer match. Fast go-ahead football was witnessed in sunny weather and after twenty-four minutes play Whewell, the Cambridge centre half secured just over the halfway line and running a few yards scored with a terrific shot from long range. Shortly afterwards Fisher, the Oxford left-winger, muddled the ball for Chadder to equalise. Play was even up to the interval when the score was 1-1.

Seven minutes after the resumption the Cantabs once more went ahead, Piper, the outside-left putting in a shot which rebounded into the net off the goalkeeper.

The Oxford equaliser was not long in coming a scramble in the goalmouth culminating in Seidman netting. Both sides went all out for the winning goal but though both goals had wonderful escapes there was no further scoring.

THE LEAGUE AND THE CUP.

In the First Division of the English League to-day at Newcastle, the Novocastrians defeated Sheffield United by three goals to one.

After three draws and the division of four goals, Blyth Spartans eliminated Hartlepool from the English Cup Competition, the score being 2-1 in their favour. The match was played at Hartlepool.—Reuter.

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London, Dec. 9.

Draastic reconstruction of the firm of Vickers, Limited, is recommended by the commission appointed to enquire into the company's financial position, in consequence of its reduced earning power arising from post-war depression.

The commission advises that the capital be written down by twelve and a half millions sterling. It advises a far-reaching change in the methods of control, including the dismissal of redundant officials; also that they should shut down the plants, and wind up all unprofitable subsidiary and affiliated enterprises. The commissioners opine that the foregoing will enable the company to resume paying dividends.

The chairman of Vickers, circulating the report, points out that the reduction of capital is essentially a book entry, and does not affect the intrinsic value of the firm's assets.—Reuter.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Brothers have received a cable from Singapore to-day advising them that rubber is now quoted at \$1.81 a pound, and giving the following share quotations:—

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The cable also announces the following dividends:—
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Bassetts5% int.
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EMPIRE SILK.

HONGKONG MENTIONED
IN PROMOTION SCHEME.

London, Dec. 9.

The Daily Telegraph states that the Department of Overseas Trade is considering the possibility of promoting the production of raw silk within the Empire, and that a preliminary investigation shows that Cyprus, the Kenya Highlands, North Queensland, Hongkong, Iraq and parts of India are suitable.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN TANKERS.

BIG CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

Moscow, Nov. 25.—The Soviet Oil Syndicate has decided to acquire its own fleet of oil tankers, and plans to have nine such vessels built during the present fiscal year, to be increased to seventeen in the course of three years. These will be constructed in Russian Soviet shipbuilding yards, and the keel of the first has been laid in the Mari works in Nikolayev on the Black Sea. The vessels will be of 10,000 tons, will be oil driven, and have radio and other modern equipment. The Oil Syndicate proposes also to place orders for four oil tankers in England and Italy, and negotiations are proceeding concerning them.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

THE LAI WAH CUP TEAM.

By "Wanderer."

Making oneself clear varies considerably in point of difficulty in relation to the particular bias of the person who is reading. A correspondent writes enquiring my principal objections to the Civilian team for Saturday next and asks *inter alia* whether or not the fact that five Club members are included has any influence on my point of view.

The real objection is assuredly not that any particular person is included or that any particular person has been left out but merely that it is to be hoped that it is not the best side that the Civilian could put in the field. The match as I stated yesterday was at the outset suggested as being in the nature of an inter-trial, and drawing from my experience of the playing ability of most men in local First Division football, I would suggest with confidence that but three, at the very limit four, of the players chosen to represent the Civilian, have the slightest prospect of inclusion in the side which is to visit Shanghai in February.

The Hongkong Football Association often works along a line of reasoning which suggests to them that if a certain player is good but not good enough for the Inter-trial, he shall be given his place in another representative match, to the exclusion may be of a better player. Quite a laudable argument and worthy of every consideration, but not so sound when a match is declared to be a preliminary Inter-trial.

I will however admit that the selection committee were set a difficult problem, the reason being that the civilian element in football in the Colony just now does not rise to great heights by any manner of means. Present form would indicate that at least six players will need to be drawn from the Army if the strongest side is to be sent North, and were I set the task of picking the side to-morrow judging purely on current form and forgetting that certain players have never let the Colony down when thoroughly extended, my side would be: Clark (Police) goal; Wheeler (Kowloon) and Wynne (Police), backs; Mitchell (or McGreaves, Surrey), Sims (Kowloon) (capt.), Bristowe (Surrey) (or McKelvie, Kowloon), half-backs; Charlesworth (Surrey) Humberstone (Surrey) Gosano (Recreio) Butler (Surrey) and Mackleworth (Surrey) forwards. Reserves: Bishop (Club) Watson (Club) and Mason (Kowloon).

Purposely Andy Duncan has been omitted from the list as I understand that he is shortly to go to sea. Watson is included in the reserves because he is one of the keenest players in local football and can take up most any position with some credit while Mason can play in any position in the forward line. Bishop seems rather off form this season otherwise he could not, having due regard to his past performances, be omitted. Wheeler has struck form which places him No. 2 in the list of backs at the Colony's disposal.

It will certainly be very necessary to stage a game the Probables versus the Rest, and until then it will be impossible to solve the very real difficulty presented by the half-back line where we have five wing-halves of about the same standing. Sims, in the centre, selects himself.

A BOXING CHAMPION.

Out springs a figure as lean as a wolf and savage as a tiger. His stomach is as flat as a board because food is an uncertain thing to be snatched as occasion offers. Under the tan of his skin smooth muscles ripple and the fists are hard from a continual battle for existence. He looks round at the world seemingly peopled by menacing forms whose hands are all against him. He thrusts his lean jaw forward and shouts "Come on, I can lick you all."

A few years later a champion takes his ease on the board verandah of a well appointed house. His face is placed though there is a certain heaviness about his eyes. The cord of his silk lounging robe is drawn rather tightly round the waist. The spacious grounds stretch away to the tall fence which bounds them, but the quiet is broken by voices from beyond the barrier. A number of men,

much like him in his younger days, stand glaring at the peaceful figure. "Come out and fight, You you you you."

A frown of annoyance creases the champion's brows and he glances up from the paper he is reading.

"Boy," he calls, "just go out and chase those rude persons away. I don't care for their appearance. Their manners are execrable and their language crude." Sighing, he raises a soft hand to smooth back his hair, polished nails reflecting in the sunlight. There are many annoyances in the life of a champion.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE IN U. S.

The lure of professionalism in the modern era of high-pressure athletics is becoming harder to resist than ever before among the amateur talent. The ethics or advantages involved may be a subject for debate; but it is a fact that opportunities are widening for the amateur stars to capitalize their prowess and that many are promptly seizing them.

The attractions of professionalism have cut heavily into the ranks of women swimming stars. The leading mermaids of America's last two Olympic teams now have forsaken amateur ranks with the decision of Miss Aileen Riggan and Miss Gertrude Ederle to occupy posts as instructors in Florida. They have followed the footsteps of Miss Ethelda Bleibrey and Miss Helen Wainwright.

Golf and tennis show similar signs of the times, although here the movement is not so marked. Even so, there have been reports that Robert T. Jones Jr., two-time amateur champion, has been approached with professional offers, despite the Atlanta star's firm intention of remaining an amateur. William T. Tilden 2d, too, was linked with rumours of a professional career at the time his controversy with the United States player-writer question was at its height.

Tilden led a fight that established his right to continue writing without jeopardizing his amateur standing so that the six-time national champion, though remaining an amateur in competition, still is able to profit indirectly from his playing fame, along with Vincent Richards and a number of other court stars. No amateur athlete in history probably has withstood any more pressure to turn professional than Paavo Nurmi, the star from Finland, who performed on the boards and cinders of this country early in the year. From various sources, it was estimated that Nurmi was offered approximately a quarter of a million gold dollars to forsake the amateur trail. As a matter of fact, Nurmi might have accepted some of these, such as writing offers, without affecting his amateur standing, but he declined them all with characteristic stoicism.

NEWS FROM HOLLYWOOD.

This town has "got" Jack Dempsey. He has gone "the way of all flesh" that is burned by movie klieg.

From his more popular days of rough-and-ready good fellowship, the champion has grown into a "gentleman"—in the strict Hollywoodian usage.

His hair is patent-leathered. His trousers have that generous fullness of Oxford bags. His evenings are usually full-dressed. His nose is almost classic. He is the husband of a movie star.

Synthetic Dempsey—and pathetic Dempsey, for the champion is seeing the light after a year of cue-way vision.

The man has perfectly portrayed the fable of the ambitious. He climbed the ladder of success quickly, and in his haste he failed to look back. Now, on the top, but there is silence. He sees a void where once milled countless friends and admirers, eager to pay tribute.

Read this, quoted from a sport page in Los Angeles on the day after Dempsey returned from the east:

"For the first time since he became champion, not a single boxing writer of Los Angeles newspapers was at the train to interview Dempsey."

HANKOW AGREEMENT.

RATIFIED AFTER DELAY.

The Wuchang correspondent of the North-China Daily News writes under date Nov. 27:—

The agreement which was drawn up last month between the British Consul and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs relative to the Hankow riot of last June was signed a few days ago at the British Consulate. The clearing up of the matter was made necessary by Mr. Porter's departure from the port, where he has been acting Consul during the furlough of Mr. Goffo. The ratification, however, has been by no means pleasing to the Wuhan People's Foreign Relations Society, who consider that the Chinese end has not been gained by the agreement. It will be remembered that the questions of compensation for the Chinese who were killed, of the disarming of the Hankow volunteers, and of the removal of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's offices and wharf from Chinese territory, were left in abeyance. The only tangible result of the agreement, is the substitution of Chinese military for police to guard the boundaries of the British Concession.

Immediately after the conclusion of the negotiations, viz., on the 18th of last month, the People's Foreign Relations Society communicated with Mr. Hu Chun, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Hankow, demanding that he should refuse to sign the agreement. It was probably owing to their opposition and threats that the signing has been put off until the last possible moment. They are trying to get Mr. Hu dismissed.

CHESS TOURNEY.

CAPABLANCA FINISHES THIRD.

Moscow, Dec. 9.

The chess tournament has concluded.

Boguljuboff, with fifteen and a half points, is first.

Lasker, fourteen, is second.

Capablanca, thirteen and a half, is third.—Reuter.

A specially equipped station has been set aside at Pibright, Surrey, to make a study of the foot-and-mouth disease. The work is under the direction of the Foot-and-mouth Disease Research Committee of England. The British ministry of agriculture furnished the station which includes both barns and laboratories. Research work and experiments will be carried on with cattle, sheep and pigs, in the hopes of finding means of curing and controlling the disease.

Significant paragraph. A paragraph that has behind it a long story about the champion. Once Dempsey greeted the press crowd and the fight crowd. Then he had his nose plastered.

Recently he renovated the hotel he owns here and took down a sign of welcome to ring fans. His secretary told visitors and telephone callers that Jack was "not at home."

Jack Dempsey slowly and surely divorced himself from the forces of the prize-ring—his prize-ring. Boxing writers turned the other cheek a couple of times, but a couple of times were enough. Mr. Dempsey found himself left alone, forgotten. He found himself passed up just as neatly as he had passed up Jack Kearns and everybody who admits knowing Jack Kearns. It was a wholesale job, both ways.

Perhaps Dempsey has not been consciously up-stage. No doubt the man has his troubles—what with brokerage business, hotels, movie, plastic noses, Harry Willises, formal banquets and parties—and the difficulties of any wide-open-spaces man would have in a set where one's grammar is remarked, where one's fork has a code of Queensbury all its own.

It would all be nobody's business if Jack meant to keep his back turned on the ring. But he doesn't. He wants to fight some more, plastic nose or not; and he is beginning to count the errors of his ways.

"I need the publicity," he told a sporting editor, explaining why he was donating his services in boxing exhibitions.

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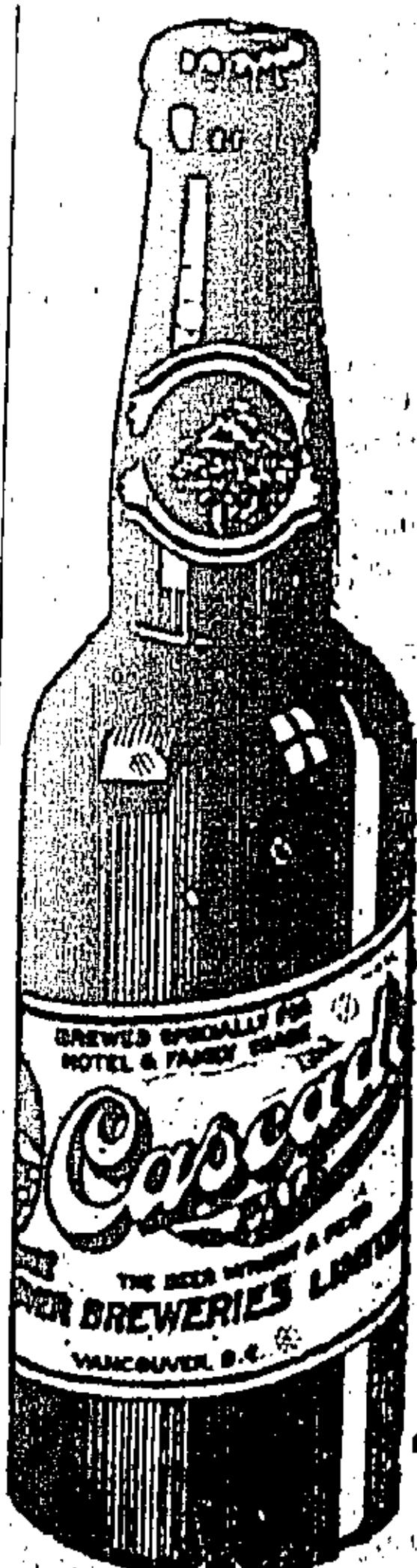
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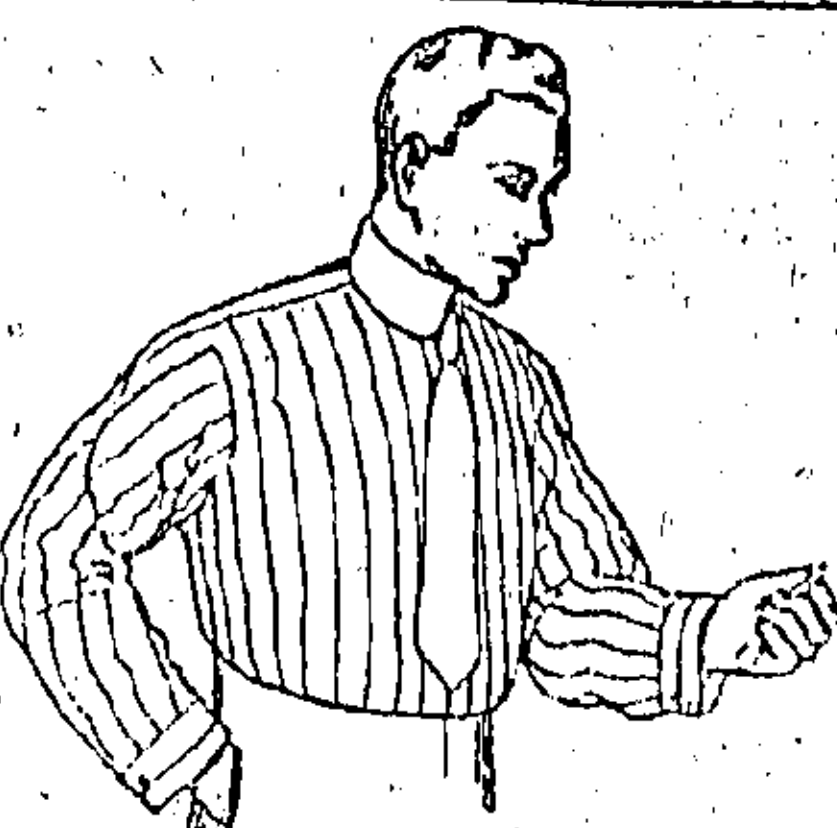
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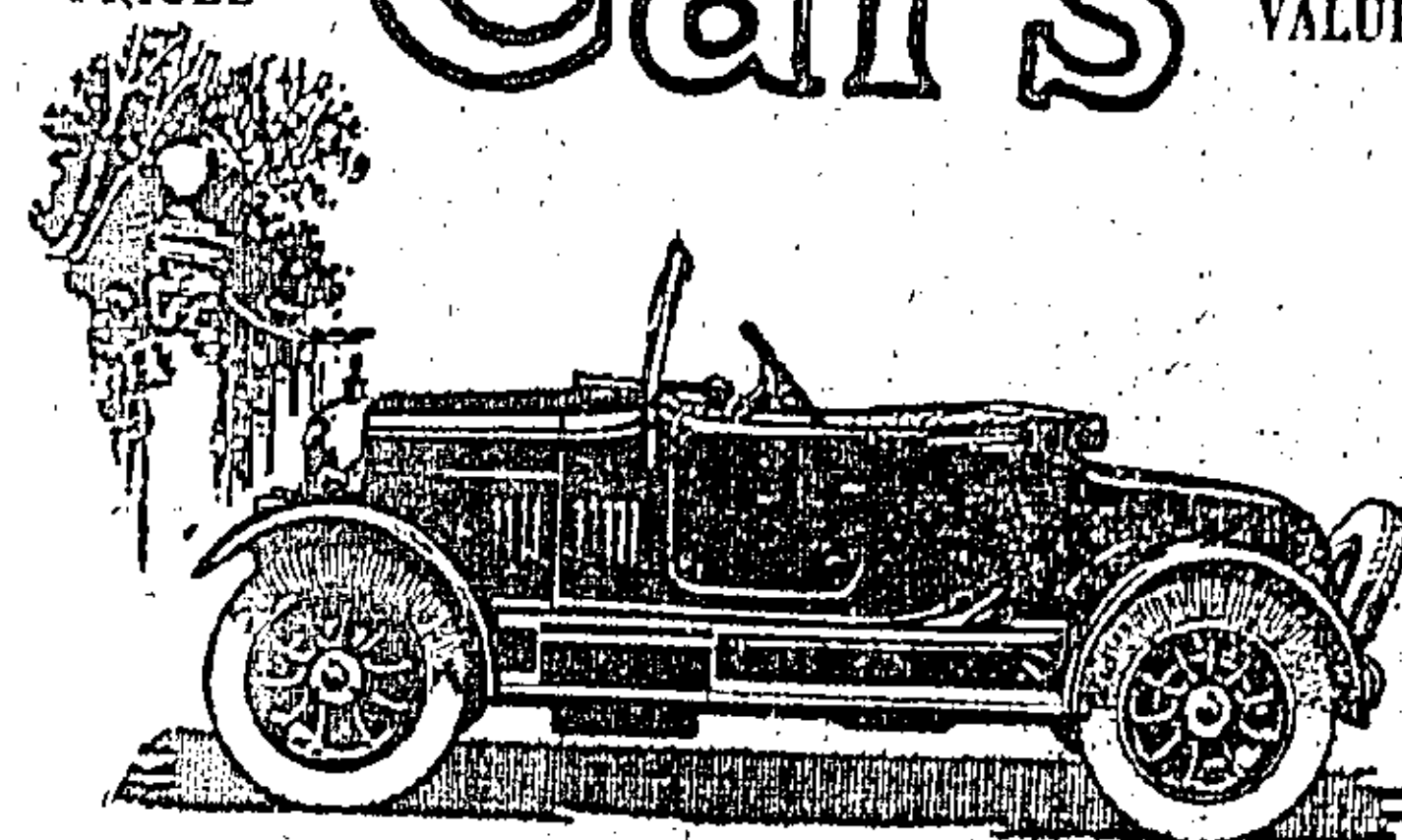
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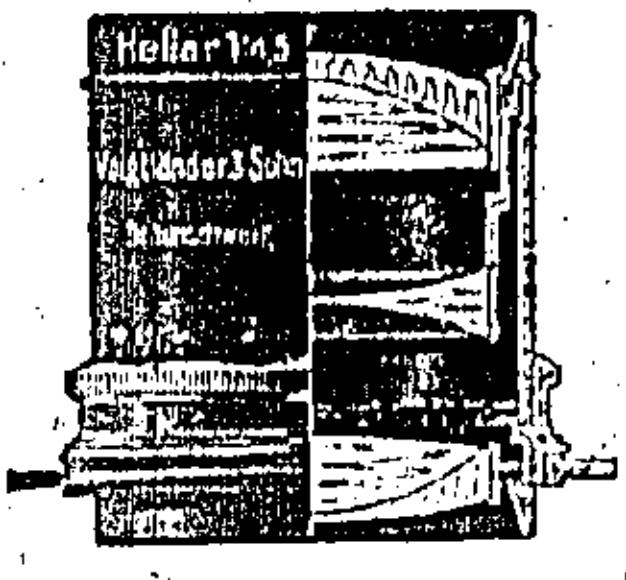
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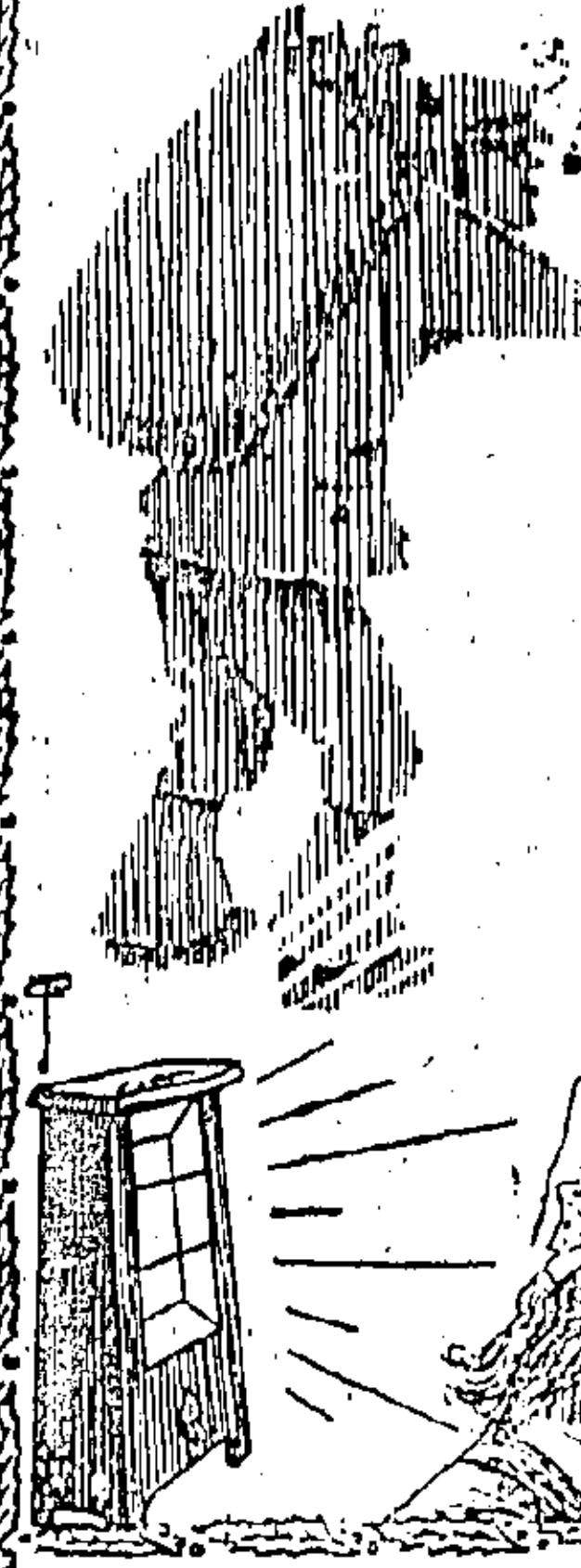
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TO-DAY'S HEALTH TALK.

DANGER OF OVER-HEATED ROOMS.

[BY DR. HUGH S. CUMMING.]

There are some animals which, upon the approach of cold weather, retire to their respective dwelling places, usually in the ground, and burrow in until the first warm days of spring. This habit of burrowing is not confined alone to some of the lower animals.

In spite of all the information that has been disseminated by health agencies during the past 25 years, there are many people who take the opportunity at the first breath of cold weather to close their houses and seal themselves up for the winter. In many cases, they show less discretion than the animals, for the animals seem to appreciate more than some human being the value of ventilation.

It can be safely stated that no matter how high or how low the price of this essential fuel is, thousands of householders are wasting an unusual amount of coal in an attempt to render living quarters comfortable.

An overheated house is unfavourable to good health, and at present, when coal is a costly commodity, it is poor economy indeed to use it without judgment and without securing the greatest amount of fuel value in an intelligent way. The temperature of your house should never be above 63 or 70 degrees Fahrenheit at the most.

In order that the atmosphere indoors may be comfortable and healthful, a certain amount of moisture should always be present. The relative humidity or moisture in the air diminishes as the air is heated. On very cold days, the tendency is to add more coal to the fire. The hotter the fire, the more the air is heated and the greasier it is for water. Such an atmosphere soon becomes an uncomfortable one in which to live. Dry air in the room causes an increased evaporation from our bodies, irritates the nose and throat, and probably is one of the main causes of the usual catarrhal conditions so common during the winter months.

You should bear in mind that the power of air to absorb and retain heat depends in great measure upon the amount of moisture or water vapor which it contains.

If the air in your home lacks the proper amount of moisture, the temperature must be maintained at a higher degree in order to give the same sensation of warmth and comfort to your body that is required when the air contains a normal amount of moisture.

The ordinary thermometer is an inexpensive article, and should form a part of the necessary equipment of every home. The thermometer should always be your guide in determining the amount of heat required. The addition of moisture to the atmosphere can be accomplished more easily by maintaining a proper system of ventilation.

As a matter of fact, the most efficient heating system would be one which combines with a system of ventilation, one which adds moisture to the dry air. People who are afraid to have their windows open in the winter frequently resort to another method in an attempt to supply sufficient moisture.

They make use of pans of water in the heated room and as long as there is water remaining in the pan they rest content, believing that the air in the rooms is sufficiently moist and go on stoking the furnaces.

This method of placing pans filled with water about the room, while not to be condemned, has not proved sufficiently effective to produce the desired amount of comfort and ease. The best method of adding moisture to heated air is that of proper and sufficient ventilation.

Keep the air of your house and office this fall and during the winter months ahead as it has been during the summer, when the heat forced you to throw the windows open.

Don't be afraid of a breath of fresh air.

If you watch your thermometer and the ventilation of your home, you will need to pay far less attention to your coal bills and your doctor.

"Let the air and sunshine in" was not written for the summer months alone.

GREEN CRUSADER.

NEW INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT.

The Cafe Imperial, in Vienna, is a queer hole. Visitors who take their breakfast coffee on the terrace of the cafe are surely unaware that inside they can find the strangest motley crowd—Balkan diplomats, ex-ministers, active Macedonian revolutionaries, Austrian bookmakers, Hungarian jockeys, Italian merchants. While Turkish coffee is consumed, conspiracies are made. After all, one cannot start gambling in the early morning, they say, so their morning game is conspiring.

But among the crowd of idlers is always one guest whose activity and energy set him apart from the others. Wore he less shabbily dressed, wore his gray beard more decently combed, he would create the impression of being an earnest, hard working German professor. But on closer study his face betrays his Eastern origin. The egg-shaped head with the heavy jaw suggest Courtian parentage.

This is the Green Crusader. He is the promoter of the Green International movement, which seeks to unite the peasants of Central and Eastern Europe into an international which should counteract the propaganda of the Russian Soviet. His name is Alexander von Blaskovitch.

For many years his efforts were the laughing stock of diplomats and politicians. The strange Hungarian was considered an exotic dreamer. But now, since Moscow, with more or less success, has tried to utilize the unrest and dissatisfaction of the peasants in many sections of Central and East Europe, Blaskovitch's efforts are beginning to receive attention. He is an idealist and a fanatic.

He has sacrificed all his means in the movement. He looks like a beggar. But he actually belongs to one of the richer Hungarian feudal families. The Blaskovitch estates were so great that a mail coach took a day to traverse them. The Blaskovitch stables were famous and their colours victorious in many international races. Young Alexander in his youth lived a gay and rather riotous life.

The latter part of his history is short. One day, after many riotous weeks in Paris and Monte Carlo, the young nobleman discovered that his fortune was gone. He began to busy himself in politics. He returned to Hungary, stood for Parliament and was elected. No longer a great landowner himself, he began studying the land question and became convinced, as a few other Hungarian aristocrats have been, that the land question could not be avoided, and that sooner or later the landed classes would have to make sacrifices if revolution was to be averted.

In Vienna, some ten years before the war, he founded a review, called *The New Europe*, which he edited jointly with Baron von Aehrenthal, who later became Foreign Minister of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. When the war came, he went to Switzerland, and as early as 1915 predicted the radical revolution which would come from the East and sweep over Europe. As a counter-movement to the Red revolution of the proletariat he preached as early as 1916 the liberation of the peasants and their organization into an international movement. For the most part his preachings fell on deaf ears, but he won the support of Prof. Lauer, the leader of the Swiss agrarian associations.

After the war he began traveling all over Europe. In Paris he won the interest of Marquis de Vogue, leader of the French agrarians. In Italy he found a supporter in Don Sturzo, the leader of the Catholic Party and an opponent of Mussolini. He negotiated with the World Agricultural Society in Massachusetts, the Irish Farmers' Union and Scandinavian organizations.

Blaskovitch has slowly built up an organization which the Soviet recognizes as a dangerous enemy, and which, bit by bit throughout Eastern Europe, is gaining in power.

Whether his organization, as an international movement, is ever built up in the form which the Green Crusader desires, Blaskovitch proved his political perspicacity when he saw in the peasant the man of the future in East Europe. Before the war despised and politically powerless, the peasant to-day holds the reins of government in most of the new East European states.

The Premier of Czechoslovakia, Svoboda, was a peasant, and the Agricultural Party is the

VIOLET "SCOTCH."

WHAT AMERICA IS DRINKING.

It is the domestic "bootlegger" of America and not the foreign smuggler who is to blame for the poisonous nature of some of the drinks being secretly sold in the United States. This is the statement recently made by Dr. W. G. Knight, chemist in charge of the federal customs laboratory at New York. Dr. Knight and his staff analyse probably a wider variety of substances than any chemist in the country—in fact every sort of material imported from the ends of the earth and passing under the eyes of Appraiser Frederick J. H. Kracke. And they analyse all liquor seized by customs officials.

"Virtually all liquor taken before it touches land is green and fresh from the distillery, but scarcely any of it has been diluted or poisoned," says Dr. Knight. "As soon as our bootleggers get it, they cut it to make it go farther."

A beautiful violet colour is the laboratory danger signal of wood alcohol. Dr. Knight pours out a swallow of liquor, accurately measured, which looks, smells and is labelled like good Scotch. To this he adds water and distils it. After determining the percentage of alcohol present, he tests for wood alcohol.

First he adds to a portion of the distillate a small amount of sulphuric acid and some potassium permanganate, and after a few minutes decolorizes the solution with oxalic acid.

"If there is any wood alcohol present, this treatment will turn it into formaldehyde," he explains.

Into another tube he pours acid magenta, which is the violet-coloured coal tar product, fuchsine. To this he adds sodium sulphite and it becomes colourless.

"The magenta is still there, you just can't see it," he says. "Formaldehyde will bring it back. And if we started with wood alcohol in the other tube, we have formaldehyde here."

After adding an additional amount of sulphuric acid to the solution in the first tube, he empties one tube into the other. The violet returns.

"Pretty colour," remarks the chemist. "Notice how deep the colour is. That means lots of wood alcohol. Nice drink for suicide."

There are other tests, including that by a telescope-like instrument called an immersion refractometer, in which a tell-tale number may be read off on a scale. The best test to find the age of whisky is said to be the simple expedient of tasting it. But taste is no way to hunt for wood alcohol.

"Criminal negligence and not malice probably is responsible for the wood alcohol," says Dr. Knight. "Bootleggers are supposed to get their alcohol with which they dilute real whisky by re-distilling denatured alcohol. If it has been denatured by adding wood alcohol, re-distilling is useless. The poison goes right through the still."

A large closet in the laboratory is one of the most complete museums of bottles that ever lured the eye of a drinking man. There are a few tins of opium also. Mostly the bottles are whisky and champagne, but also there are cognac, gin, liqueurs, wine and ale. Each is tagged as evidence, and the chemist knows about each quite as much as the man who concocted it and ten times as much as those who might have swallowed it.

One bottle bears a Baltimore label. It seems either to have been taken out and returned to America or else to have been made abroad to catch the old America clientele. A "non-refillable" bottle shows a glass plug in the bottom through which it could have been filled again. A queer, squat, juglike bottle covered with Chinese lettering bears a label in English which says: "This contains of medicine one pint. For lassitude, fatigue and mental labour take a teaspoonful diluted in water at bedtime."

"A Chinese native wine," says Dr. Knight. "I'm told they dissolve deerhorns and other queer ingredients to make it. Anyhow, it is 43 per cent alcohol."

strongest in the country. In Hungary, the government of Count Bethlen rests upon the small landholder, not the feudal baron. In Jugoslavia the coalition of the parties of Pachich and Radich unites the peasants of Serbia and Croatia.

And in the Cafe Imperial a picturesque figure, a crusader and a pioneer, reads the proofs of the next issue of his new review, *The Green Internationale*, before it goes to print in many languages for distribution throughout the Balkans.

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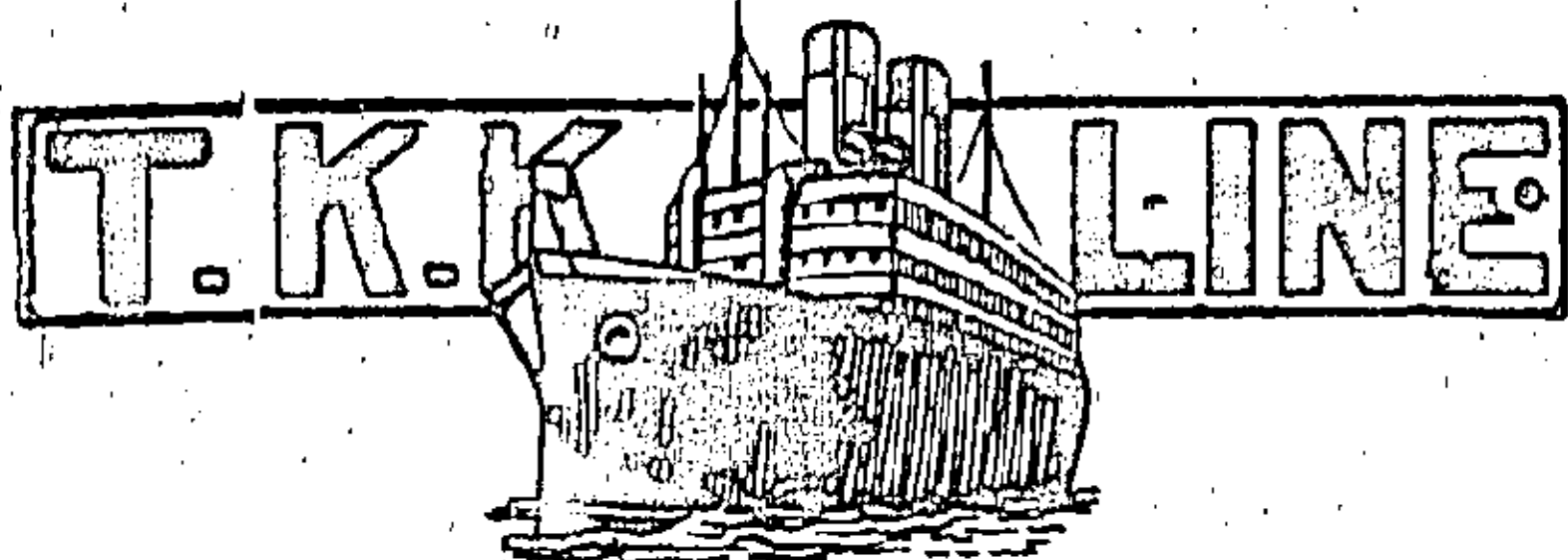
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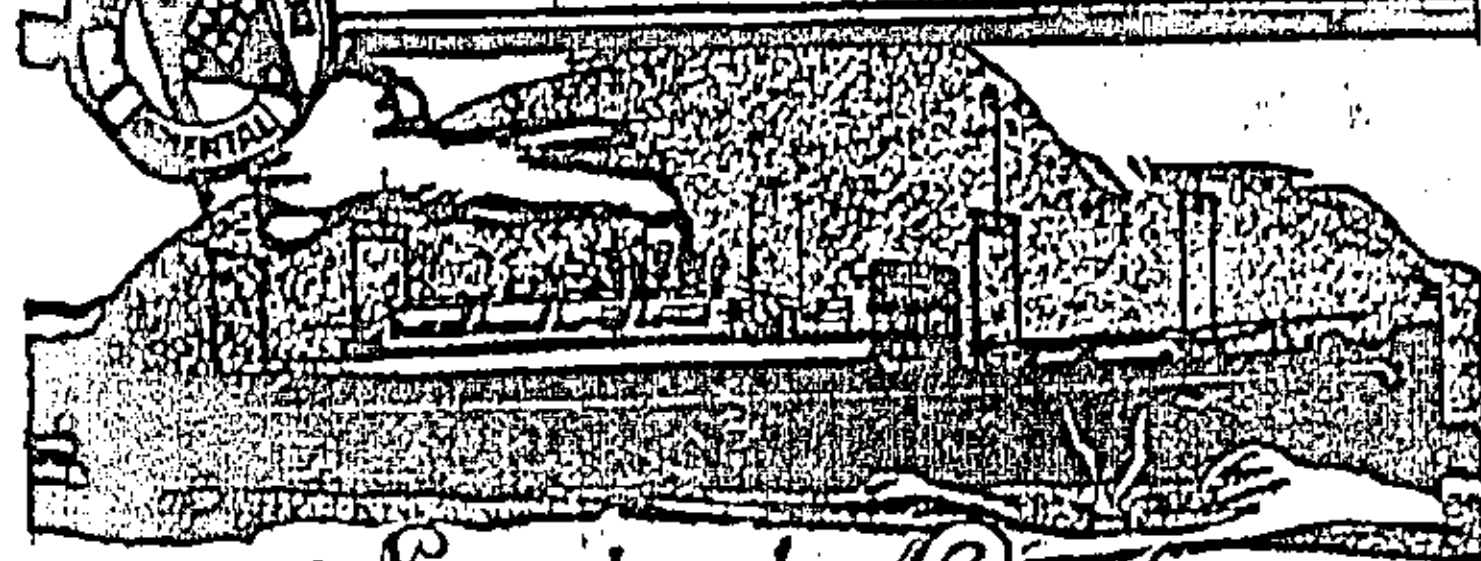
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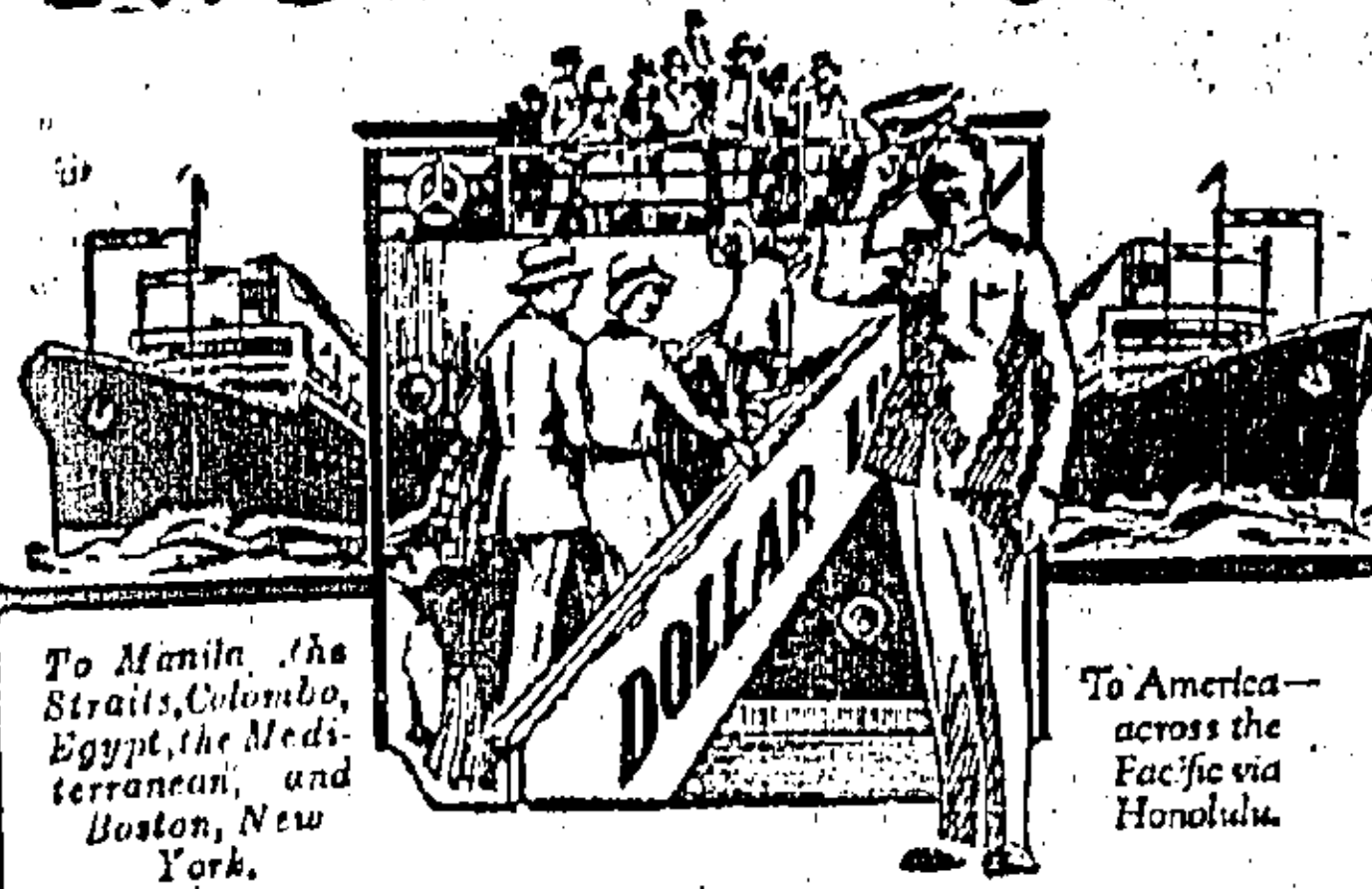
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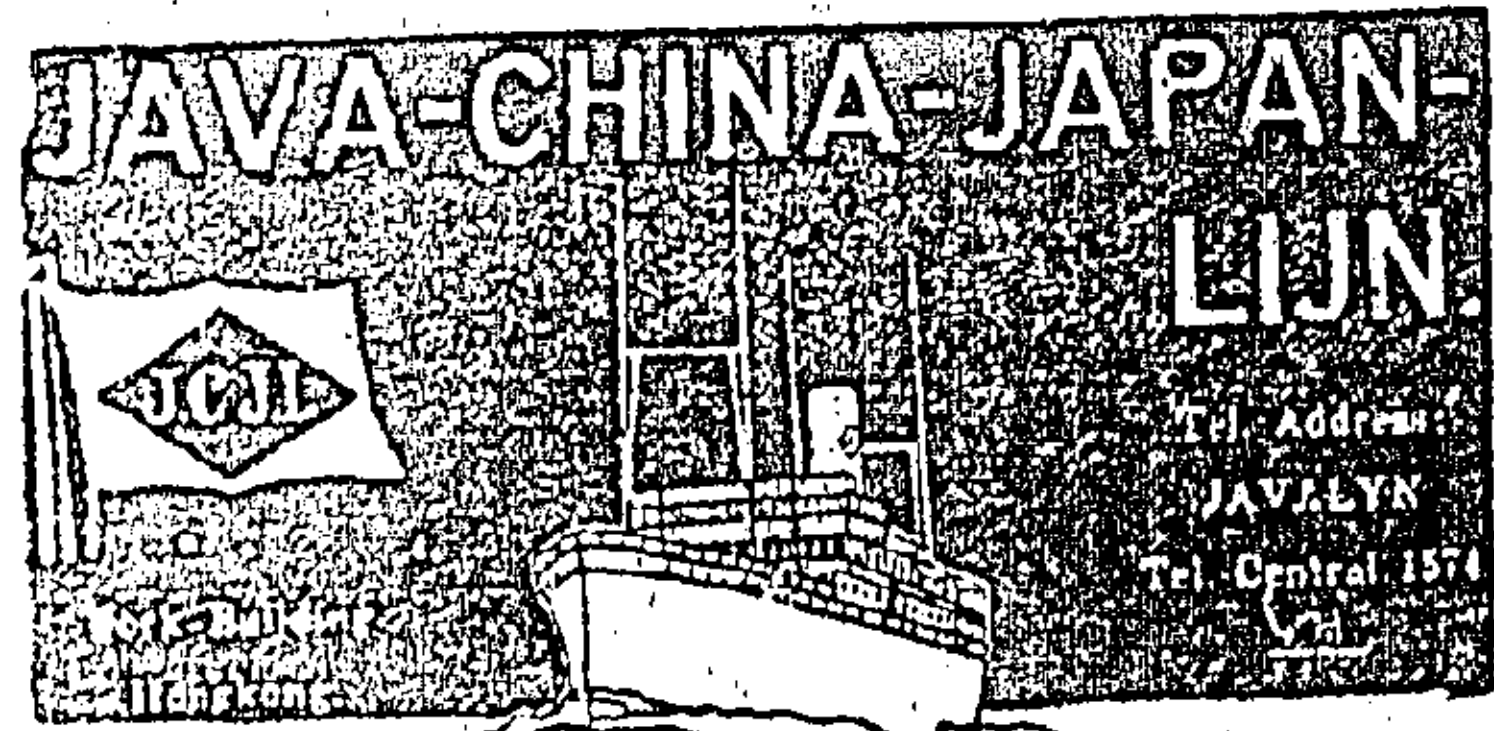
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Tjikembang	Shanghai	15th Dec.	17th Dec.	Batavia
Tjiluwong	Amoy	18th Dec.	20th Dec.	M'sar. & S'hai
Tjitaroem	Japan	24th Dec.	26th Dec.	Batavia
Tjikarang	Batavia	27th Dec.	29th Dec.	Shanghai
Tjikini	M'ksar	28th Dec.	30th Dec.	Japan
Tjileboet	M'ksar	31st Dec.	2nd Jan.	Amoy & S'hai

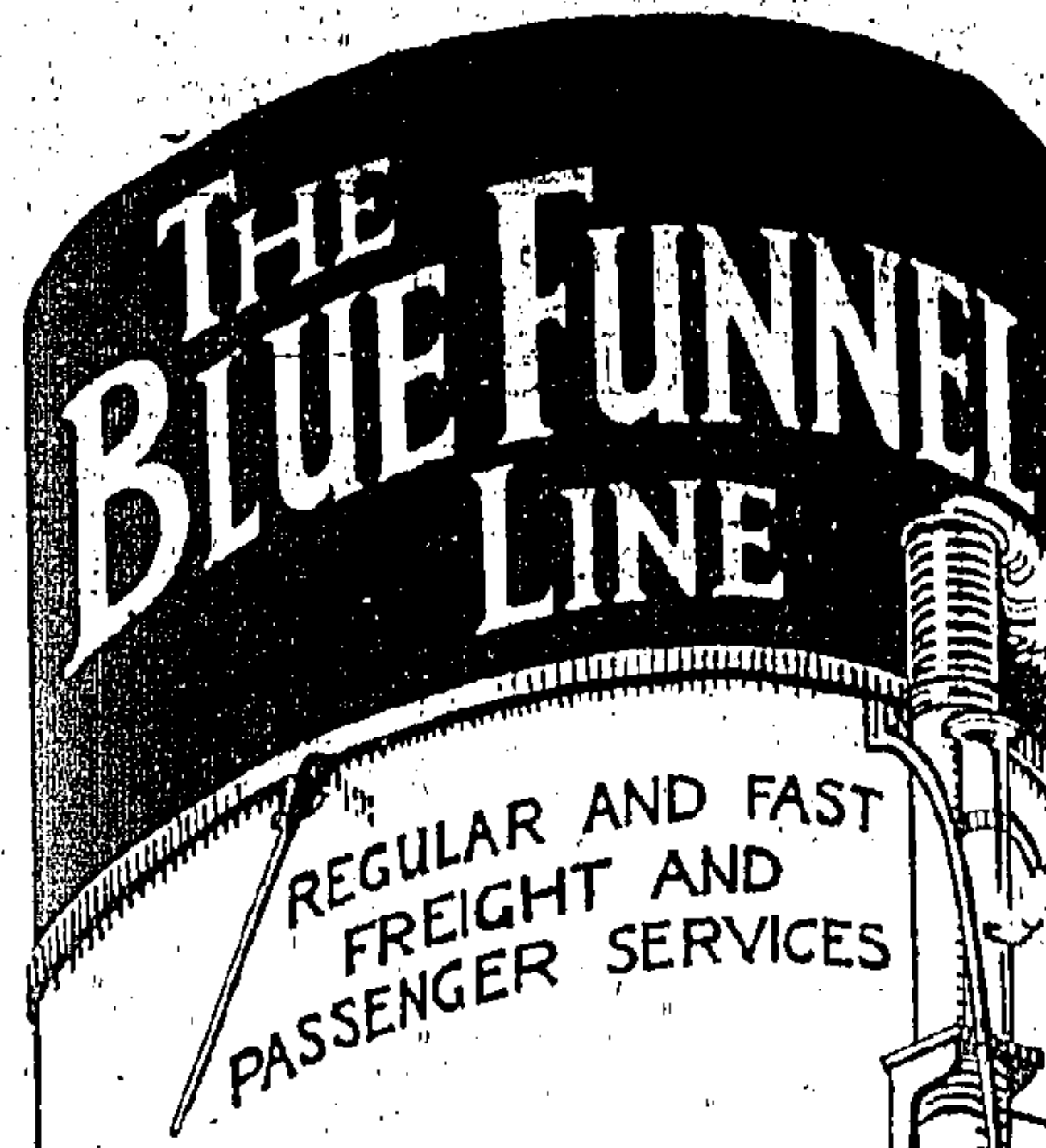
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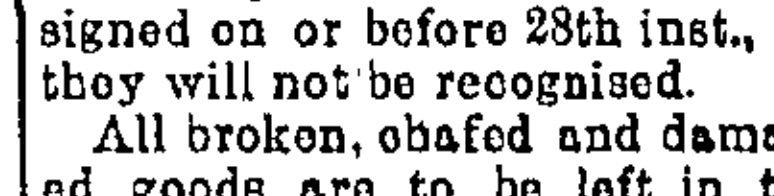
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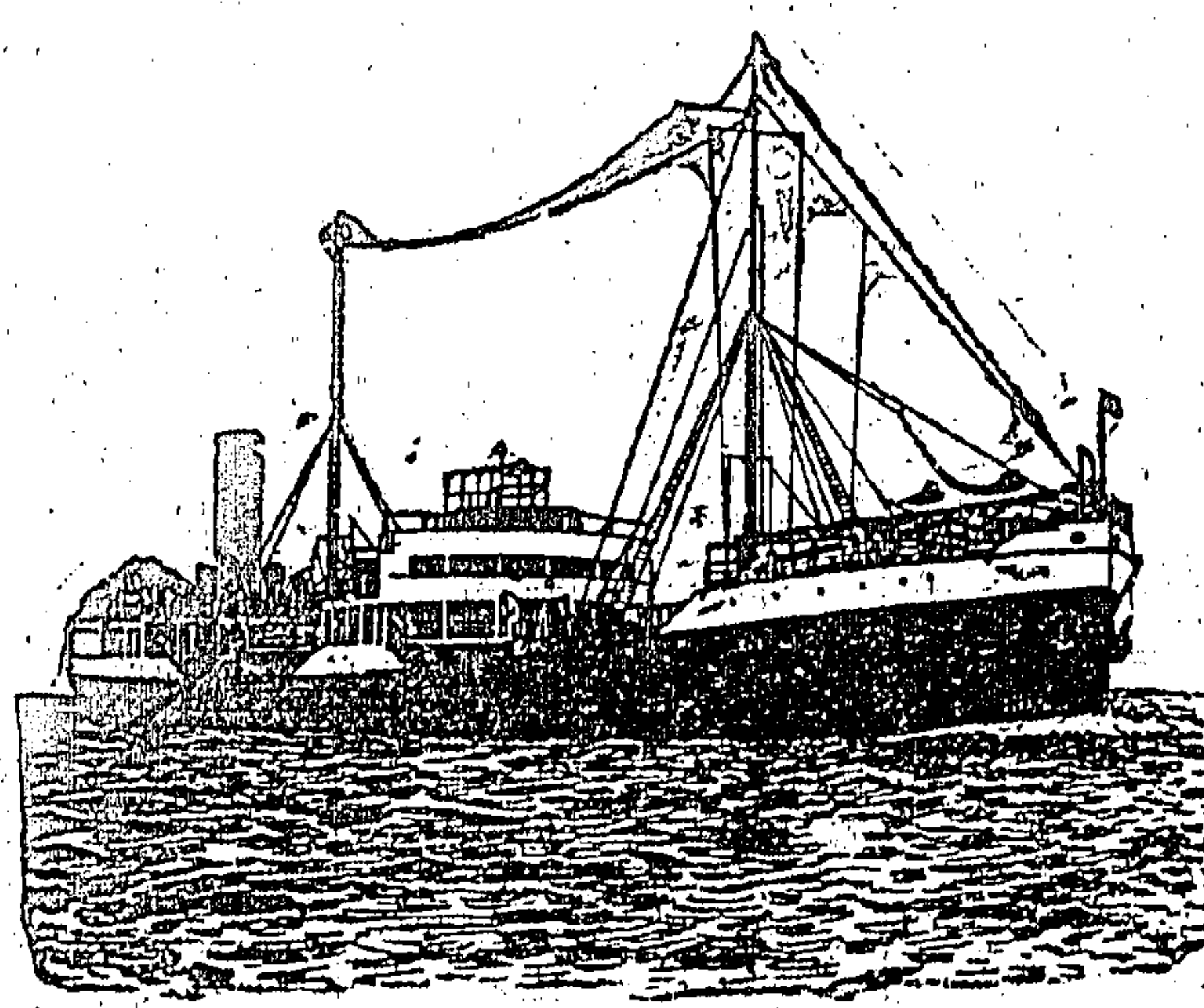
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MAINTA	10,902	6th March	Marseilles & London
KASHAIR	8,955	13th March	M's, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,135	20th March	M's, L'don & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M's, L'don & Antwerp
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TAKADA	6,945	21st Dec.	Kobe
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HOCKEY.

NAVY DEFEAT CLUB.

The chances of the Club retaining the right to hold the "Slim" Shield this season, are now less favourable than ever, because they have lost two of four games they have to play. Their first game for the trophy was against the Army last week, when they lost by the narrow margin of one goal to nothing, and last evening, on the U. S. R. C. ground, Kowloon, the Navy proved too good for them by the odd goal in three. The Army and the Navy have yet to play their first game, and the encounter will be watched with interest.

Last evening both sides were strong. The Navy took the field with a determination to make an auspicious start in the competition, and the Club went all out to level accounts with their defeat at the hands of the Army. For the most part of the game the play was not stylish, but good combination was seen. The Club strove hard to the last man, and it was only remarkably good defensive work that kept them out. Both sides did their share of attacking, but the Navy forwards were rather the stronger of the two.

Mitchell, at centre half was one of the star players for the Club, and was always to be found where there was danger to the goal. Martin, left half, and Stewart, right half both worked indefatigably, but found their hands full in keeping the wings in check. Sherman and Farquharson, backs, played a great game, and with clean strong sweeps, continually broke up attacks. The goal keeper Mills, was as usual in good form, and considerable credit is due to him for keeping the score down. Lammert, outside right, was watched too well to enable him to break through often, but he spoiled several openings through keeping the ball too long. Woodward and Dyer-Ball worked continually under high pressure, and were unfortunate with several shots. Evans and Owen-Hughes on the left wing worked well together, but many of the former's centres might have been placed better.

The Navy showed good team work, and the inside men, Sillitoe

and Nicholson were particularly good. Fleet, at outside left, was a continual source of danger to the Club, and Wilson on the other wing required constant attention. The latter was particularly smart in springing surprise getaways. The halves were a strong feature of the team, Simpson, who is not an international, as has been reported, making a strong pivot. Broome and King afforded ample support to the forwards and the backs, and the Club forwards found them to be a strong opposition. Garwood deserves praise for capable goal keeping, and had a less capable man been in his position, the game might have resulted with the Club on top. Wauchope and Emley were strong defenders.

At the beginning the Navy took up the offensive, several shots at close quarters having no effect. Fleet sent in a drive which just missed. Martin relieved with a pass to Owen-Hughes who went away in grand style, but his centre was too hard and went right across the field. A mistake by a Club defender let the Navy through, but Martin, who was on the spot, cleared in the nick of time. A promising opening initiated by Fleet was spoiled by offside. Shortly afterwards the Navy netted a goal which was disallowed for offside. Relieving a pass from Stewart, Woodward was dispossessed by Wauchope before he had time to shoot. Fleet got away, but a weak centre, which went behind the forwards, spoiled the opening. Lammert broke through for the Club, but Wauchope stopped him. Dyer-Ball placed the ball in front of goal and Evans, who had only to touch the ball into the net, failed to do so. Martin failed to stop Wilson, and the latter sent in a well placed centre, but Hill, who secured, put wide. The Navy broke away again, and centre by Wilson, was deflected into the net by Hill. Sillitoe was the next to make an effort for the Navy, but Mills rushed out, and managed to clear. Shortly before the interval Nicholson added a second for the Navy.

On resuming the Club began to attack strongly, and for a time the Navy defence had a strenuous time. Woodward received the ball in the air, and with his back to the goal and deflected the ball round him, but Garwood saved, with his pads.

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In order to preserve peace and order in the city and throughout the whole district, the name of the operating force has been changed to that of the Revolutionary Constabulary.

Then Owen-Hughes rushed at the goal, and bundled the ball into the net. The Navy retaliated, and Nicholson was going through in fine style when he was stopped by Sherman. The Club returned to the attack, and for a time the Navy was playing nearly all the time on the defensive. Several times the Navy forwards took up the offensive, and at this time Sherman and Farquharson were notable for clearing with strong clean drives. Eventually the Navy transferred the play to the other end and for some time the Club goal was under considerable pressure. A neat bout of passing among the sailors took place, and for a moment the Club defence was non-plussed, but they proved equal to the situation, and eventually cleared. Woodward got through twice on his own, but on the first occasion he was pulled up by Emley, and the second time Garwood ran out, and dispossessed him. The remainder of the second half was fought out at a fast pace, and despite the most strenuous efforts on both sides, the game ended with the score standing in favour of the Navy by two goals to one.

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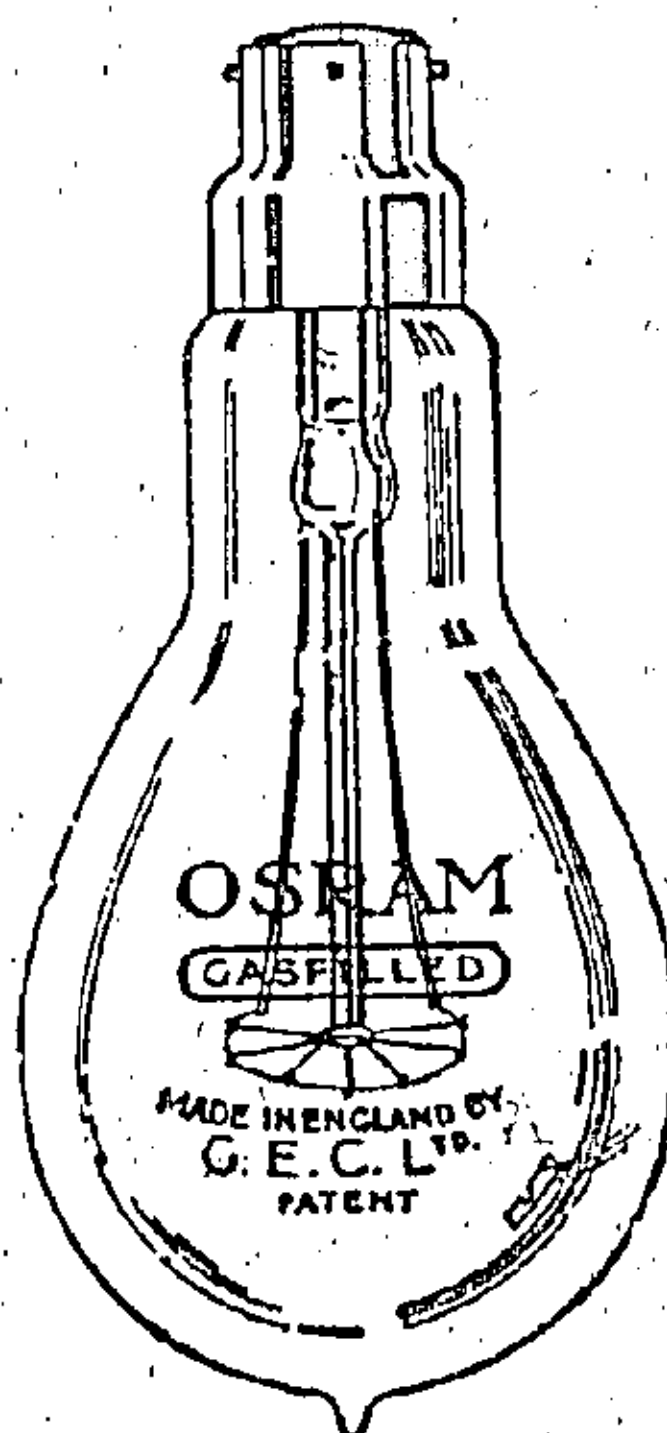
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